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Legal Battle Not Out Of Question...

Despite Planning Board Approval, McDonald's Must Get Special Permit

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its Thursday, April 21st meeting, the Planning Board approved an amended site plan for a McDonald's Restaurant in Feeding Hills Center.

Even with site plan approval, the McDonald's Corporation may be blocked from putting its proposed drive-thru restaurant on Springfield Street (next to the former Feeding Hills Pharmacy). According to Associate Solicitor Charles Sclafani, a new town ordinance requiring drive-thru restaurants to obtain a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals will apply to the McDonald's proposal.

The town ordinance, adopted on March 21st by Town Council at the request of the Planning Board, also requires drive-thru restaurants to provide parking spaces for 50 cars on their property. The site plan for the McDonald's Restaurant at Feeding Hills Center shows parking for 35 cars.

At presstime, Springfield Attorney Melinda Phelps (representing the McDonald's Corp.) said she did not agree that the ordinance would apply to McDonald's because its site plan was submitted before the zoning change was proposed. Phelps said she challenged the validity of the by-law and the way it was passed by the Town Council.

The transcripts of the council's meetings clearly show that when the councilors accepted the zoning change, it was their intent and understanding that the change would not affect the plans already submitted by McDonald's, according to Phelps.

Phelps said that although she was not sure what action McDonald's will take, the possibility of a court challenge certainly exists.

Must Have Delineated Bus Parking

Chairing Thursday night's Planning Board meeting, Dennis Hopkins insisted that the plan must include permanently delineated bus parking in order to gain the board's approval. Hopkins said it was inevitable that out-of-town swim teams who are bussed to the Junior High for swim meets would be attracted to the McDonald's across the street, and parking for buses would be essential.

Robert Bolduc, who owns the site under consideration (as well as the adjacent lot and the Pride Gas Station on the corner of Springfield and North Westfield Streets), said he was not willing to enlarge the McDonald's site to provide parking for buses. Bolduc said he needed the rest of his property for a planned expansion of his Pride Gas Station in the near future.

About 50 residents attended the Planning Board meeting to hear McDonald's officials explain the changes that have been made to their original proposal. The corporation agreed to several changes in its plan after town residents voiced their opposition to their proposal at the Planning Board meeting held March 17th.

McDonald's agreed to give the building facade a more colonial, small-town look by using clapboard rather than the usual concrete masonry.

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Volunteers Honored At Heritage Hall



CHEZ JOSEF WAS THE SITE for a Volunteer Recognition Banquet sponsored by Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Standing - Vera Conway and Bridget Haggerty; seated - Teresa Martone, Jenny Sicard, and Pat Sicard. MORE PHOTOS TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Religious Speaker Cancelled At AHS After Complaint

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder cancelled the second appearance of a motivational speaker at Agawam High School after receiving a complaint by a parent.

Sponsored by the Bethany Assembly of God, Chris Gingrasso, a registered minister of the Bethany Assemblies who resides in Conway, Arkansas, spoke to an assembly of the AHS sophomore class on the topic of positive choices on Wednesday, April 13th.

Using a blend of comedy and magic, Gingrasso entertained the students while attempting to get his message across on the good and bad choices teens make in regard to drugs, alcohol, and sex.

Internal suspension supervisor Bernadette Conte was so impressed with the presentation, she arranged to have Gingrasso return to the school Friday, April 15th, to meet with the junior and senior classes.

With the prom just days away and the graduation season approaching, Mrs. Conte told us the timing was perfect for a presentation on making the choices that can affect the remainder of a student's life.

However, Ryder cancelled the program after a parent complained that Gingrasso had invited the sophomores to attend a pizza party to be held that Wednesday evening at the Bethany Assembly of God.

Ryder said that even though many people had commented on the program and thought it was well done, he was forced to cancel because it was inappropriate to issue an invitation to a church in a public school assembly.

SEE PROGRAM CANCELLED - Page 2...

Mayor, 5 Others Get Bumps & Bruises But OK After Mishap

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson escaped serious injury in an early evening car crash that sent him as well as a mother and her three children to Baystate Medical Center on Tuesday.

The three-car accident occurred on Springfield Street at 6:57 p.m. as the Mayor was on his way to attend and chair the School Committee meeting at the Middle School.

According to nursing supervisor Jan Fitzgerald, there were no serious injuries in the accident. The three children who were passengers in the car driven by Maureen Skiba of Feeding Hill were brought to the hospital for evaluation as a precautionary measure and were treated for bumps and bruises and were released. Mrs. Skiba did not require medical attention.

The Mayor was treated for minor bruises and contusions and was released. "The mayor was in great shape when he left," Ms. Fitzgerald said. "He said to tell the press he was fine."

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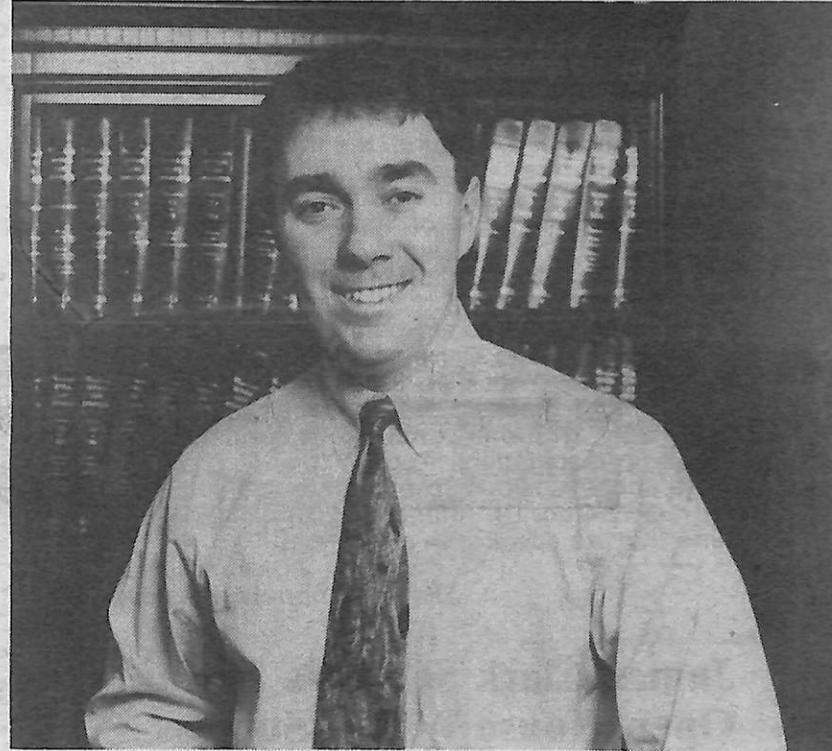
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Letters To The Editor

Lisa Ziegert's Mom Thanks Everyone For Candlelight Vigil

To The Editor:

Lisa, we love you and we haven't forgotten! This is the message that the flickering lights from over 375 candles sent to Lisa at the Candlelight Vigil on Friday, April 15th.

Thank you to all who were there or who wanted to be but for one reason or another were unable to attend; you were there in spirit. Your love and support is the reason we have survived.

I've tried for days to come up with the right words to thank all of you who were involved in the beautiful program that night.

Mayor Chris Johnson - From the time I first informed you that I wanted to have the vigil, you have been there. For clearing use of the green, to getting the sound system, to contacting Yankee Candle, to introducing each person with such sensitive and informative words, and for caring and for always taking time to listen to me, I thank you!

Todd Rovelli - Your voice, so clear and true, brought such beauty to the night as the candles burned brightly. I'm sure Lisa heard every note and smiled. Thank you.

Dick Cowles - You were Lisa's friend, teacher, and co-worker. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and feelings in your quiet, eloquent way. I know that Lisa is happy that the children have you to help them.

Shelley Borgatti - The list is too long, so I will just say thank you for always being there with "Whatever you need" or "I'll go with you," for helping to organize the vigil, and for finding the courage to speak. You did a wonderful job.

Barb Viens - You are always there in the background, helping to do whatever needs to be done. Because you have donated all the white ribbon, every white bow owes its existence to you. Thanks!

Annie, Phia, Bonnie, Vi, Marsha, Jen, and all the others who helped by making bows and trimming candles—thanks!

Reverend Deacon Jim Martone - You spoke so beautifully and gently. You touched everyone's hearts with your prayer. You are a wonderful friend. Thank you.

Lynne - You have always astounded me with your ability to put words together and to paint a beautiful picture. To "see" Lisa happy in a peaceful setting with other joyful spirits gave a measure of peace to everyone who heard your words. I know you spoke from your heart, and I thank you for simply being you—my daughter, my friend.

All the silent members of my family and extended family - You give love and support unstintingly, and the words I speak are often yours. I love you!

Annie Fogg - You sang "Lisa's Song" with such love. You could actually feel the emotion in air, and very few eyes were dry when you finished. I thank you for writing the words, performing the

song so beautifully under stressful conditions, and for caring so much. Your words have fueled our inspiration - "We won't give up."

The Town of Agawam - I cannot finish this without a general thank you for the people of Agawam. Your support means so much.

With much love and gratitude,
Dee Ziegert

Agawam UNICO Asks For Support Against Racism

To The Editor:

UNICO National, one of the largest Italian American service clubs, and the Italian American One Voice Committee are asking all individuals and organizations to write to the Attorney General of the United States, Janet Reno, Department of Justice, Constitution Avenue and 10th Street NW, Washington, DC 20530, asking for an ongoing investigation on all acts of violence that may have occurred after biased remarks are made, such as the racist speech delivered by Khalid Abdul Mohammed and the equally venomous statements made by followers of Rabbi Kahani in reference to the senseless killing of Arabs in the Middle East.

UNICO National and the One Voice Committee feel that individuals and organizations that advocate hatred and violence should be investigated. If these individuals are found responsible for acts of violence, then they should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

They are also asking that all Americans increase their tolerance and awareness for those of other backgrounds.

The newly formed Italian American One Voice Committee, which is composed of the Columbian Foundation of New Jersey, the Italian American Association of Ocean Township, the Italian American Society of New Jersey Police, the Italian Apostolate, the Center For Italian and Italian American Culture, the Italian American Federation, the Voice of Italian Teachers of America, the New Jersey Commission of Social Justice of the Sons of Italy in America, and UNICO National, all support actions that will eliminate hatred, racism, intolerance, and negative stereotyping.

Other committees are being informed in such places as Chicago, Cleveland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York City, St. Louis, New Orleans, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and all members of N.I.A.C.A. (National, Italian American Coordinating Association).

All those anxious to eliminate prejudice and hatred, contact Dr. Alfano at (201) 429-2818. It is time that we speak with one voice!

Agawam UNICO
Thomas Coppola, President

James Clark School's Spring Open House Was A Success

To The Editor:

Dear Parents And Teachers Of James Clark School:

Our Spring Open House was such an immense success (in more ways than one), and I thank you. Not only are the people of this school high-spirited, but spunky as well! I could never have expected such a wonderful turnout; the kids are very lucky to have such loving parents.

Besides the Open House, most who attended were kind enough to vote in our PTO Election. The upcoming year is one of transition at James Clark.



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We have a brand new principal and a brand new PTO Board.

It is my intention to bring harmony and mutual respect into our school. We deserve it and our children deserve it. These are not the easiest of times to be a parent, teacher, or child; and, in order to stay afloat, we've got to swim upstream and not against the tide. Togetherness is what it's all about, and collectively, we have got to do right by our kids.

So, feel free to attend any of our meetings or call me with any questions or concerns. You will be heard and I WILL respond. Thank you all for your trust and support.

Lastly, to the teachers, no one knows better than me how difficult your job can be at times, and I'd just like to say thank you for all your efforts.

Sincerely,
Debra Curtis
PTO President '94-'95

Feeding Hills Resident Returns From Getaway To Florida Keys

To The Editor:

Did the winter blues get you down? To revive your spirit, why not try a mini-vacation to Key Largo and Key West, the southernmost point of the U.S.A. (only 90 miles to Cuba).

My wife Janice and I are happy to report that the weather was gorgeous: the temperatures were in the 80's, and there was no rain there for 44 days!

Some of the "exotic" food that I ate included dungeness crabs (2 1/2 - to three-pound size), stone crabs, alligator tails, conch fritters, grouper, clams, oysters, shrimp, and dolphin (the fish, NOT the mammal).

For dessert, there was key lime pie to satisfy my taste buds. And, the number-one beverage on the island is the margerita cocktail.

Cheers!
Eddie Barko
52 Forest Hill Road
Feeding Hills Road

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
April 29th, 30th, & May 1st
"Close Out" Tag Sale At
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Sunday, May 1st
Agawam Chapter Of UNICO's
Annual Pancake Breakfast
At Agawam Senior Center,
Meadowbrook Manor (off Main St.)
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Adults, \$3; Kids under 12, \$1

Wednesday, May 4th
Agawam Community Artists Mtg.
At Agawam High School, Rm. 42
7:00 p.m.
For more information, call
786-0138 or 786-6087

Friday, May 6th
Nocturnal Adoration Society
of Agawam and West Springfield
At St. Ann's Church, Memorial
Avenue, West Springfield
7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Friday, May 6th
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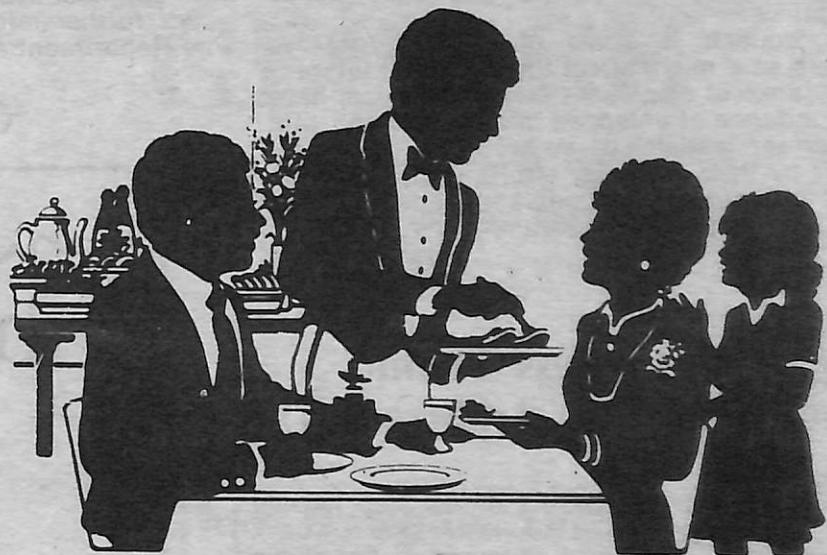
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

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To The Editor:

Dear Mr. Bitsacos:

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All of us who have the privilege of working with these most deserving youngsters thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in making this gift available to us.

Your gift of Easter candy and eight large bunnies was a special treat and helps to brighten their hospital stay.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Shirley E. Della Penna
Business Office Manager

Resident Praises Ag. Senior Center's Transportation System

To The Editor:

To Richard Mundo:

I recently had occasion to use the Agawam Senior Center's transportation system for 34 trips to the hospital. I would like to express my appreciation for such a fine service.

The cooperation from the reservation desk and all of the drivers was excellent. Elaine, Irene, and Jim (the drivers) were cautious and helpful to everyone.

I am writing this note to help make sure that the handicapped and seniors are aware of what a fine transportation system we have at the Senior Center.

With thanks to all,
Charles McCobb
43 Elbert Road
Agawam

Town Council Afraid Of Answers Because Of Politics

To The Editor:

On a cold winter's night many years ago, my father returned home after a hard day's labor. After a welcoming greeting, my sister asked him if he would like a "hot toddy."

In an elegant and delightful Irish brogue, he answered, "My dear, I will have a cold one while the other is heating."

I often think of this answer and realize how positive this decision was made.

There was not a situation where he had to put the words in his hands and decide if it might be political.

Our council is afraid of definite, positive answers as it might affect their political future.

Our ranks of employees here in Agawam have an abundance of untapped intelligence and with the correct leadership, we would all definitely benefit by their every day efforts if they were instilled with positive decision and leadership.

"To a more positive Agawam."

Dan Courtney
Feeding Hills

Agawam Lioness Thank Jack Devine & AAN

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Agawam Lioness Club, I would like to thank *The Agawam Advertiser News* and Jack Devine for the wonderful coverage of our club's activities during the past year.

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Pat Lalancette
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Fire-Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
Fire Sprinklers Provide
Protection In Your Home

The vast majority of people who die in fires in the United States are children and the elderly, both of whom are often unable to escape on their own. Now, fire sprinkler systems installed in the home can protect not only those people who need assistance escaping a fire, but the entire family. The Agawam Fire Department says that by installing a home fire sprinkler system, you are providing a type of 24-hour, automatic fire protection.

A fire may smoulder for hours, but once the first flame appears, it may take only two minutes for the fire to spread to the contents, walls, and ceiling of an entire room. However, in a room protected by a fire sprinkler system, the heat from the fire would cause the sprinkler to spray water to extinguish or confine the fire until fire department arrives.

Statistics show that sprinkler systems save lives and reduce fire damages by over 80 percent in some cases. Sprinklers have been used in commercial buildings for many years. The combined new technology of a quick-response sprinkler head, the reduced expense of installation, the use of plastic pipe, and the ability to blend the sprinkler into the decor of a room, have all helped to increase the popularity and use of home sprinkler systems.

They are being included in plans for new homes, as well as being added to existing construction. Tests of these new systems show that sprinkler heads respond to fire in as little as 35 seconds. When coupled with smoke detectors, they provide early warning and early extinguishment.

Frequent questions concerning home sprinklers include the following:

- Will the sprinklers go off accidentally? Research shows an accidental discharge due to a manufacturing defect is one in 16,000,000 sprinklers per year in service.

- If one sprinkler head goes off, will they all activate? Sprinkler heads are designed to react to temperatures in each room individually. Normally, only the sprinkler over the fire will activate.

- If the sprinkler system activates, will my house sustain severe water damage? Tests show that damage caused by water from a sprinkler is much less than damage caused by fire department hose streams.

- Aren't sprinklers too expensive to install? A 2,000-square-foot home under construction can be protected by a sprinkler system costing as little as \$1,500 to \$2,000.

As an added bonus, most insurance companies offer a sizeable discount for coverage of homes with sprinkler systems.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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State Treasury Seeks To Return \$70 Million In Unclaimed Property

Massachusetts State Treasurer Joe Malone has announced that the State Treasury has compiled a list of individuals and organizations who have money waiting for them under the Commonwealth's abandoned property law.

The list was published in the form of a free-standing insert in the *Boston Sunday Herald* on March 20th, 1994, and in the *Boston Sunday Globe* on Sunday, March 27th, 1994, and will also appear in daily and weekly newspapers throughout the state during the weeks of April 18th, 1994 and April 25th, 1994. (See accompanying ad on this page for the list of Agawam residents.)

"This year over \$70 million has been turned over to my office as unclaimed property," Malone said. "I urge every citizen to check the abandoned property listing we publish because we are eager to return all of this money to its rightful owners."

Under Massachusetts' abandoned property law, accounts which have been inactive for more than three years are declared abandoned and turned over to the State Treasury for safekeeping. Unclaimed property consists of any financial asset that has not had any owner-generated activity for an extended period of time.

This includes savings accounts, checking accounts, unpaid wages or commissions, stocks, underlying shares, uncashed dividends, customers' deposits or overpayments, certificates of deposit, credit balances, refunds, money orders, paid-up life insurance policies, and uncashed benefit checks.

In accordance with Massachusetts' Unclaimed Property Act, property becomes "Unclaimed" when the owner does not respond to attempts by the holder of the asset for a three-year period, 15 years in the case of travelers' checks. Under the law, the "Holders" (banks, insurance companies, businesses, etc.) must make a determined effort to locate the true owner. If they are unsuccessful, they are to report the names and last known addresses of the owners to the State Treasury.

The money is then deposited in the General Fund. Owners can always claim their financial assets, and there is no time limit on claiming the money. Owners and their heirs need not pay a finder's fee to anyone to claim what is rightfully theirs. All funds accrue interest until claimed.

Anyone who sees their name on the unclaimed property published list may call Treasurer Malone's office at (617) 367-0400, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or write to: State Treasury, Unclaimed Property Division, One Ashburton Place—12th Floor, Boston, MA, 02108.

When writing or calling, respondents should give the name as it appears on the list, plus current address, address three years ago, social security number, and daytime telephone number.

Council Mtg. Agenda For Monday, May 2nd

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 4/19/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-94-10, A Resolution Adopting the Official Flag of the City known as the Town of Agawam (Pres. Taylor).

2. TR-94-11, A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Edward Kellogg, 77 Harvey Johnson Dr., Aga., MA to the Veterans' Council for a Term Expiring April 1, 1996 (Mayor).

3. TR-94-12, A Resolution Supporting a Change in Signage for the Main St. Exit on Rte. 57 Westbound in the City known as the Town of Agawam (Pres. Taylor).

4. TR-93-13, A Resolution Honoring the 1993-1994 Agawam High School Girls' Basketball Team (Coun. Thompson Gravel & Bitzas).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-94-5-(PH-94-5)-An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, Art. XI entitled "Industrial District B." (3rd Reading).

2. TO-94-11-Application for weekly Amusement License for Bobby's Lounge, Inc., 858 Suffield St., Aga., MA.

3. TO-94-12-Application for Video License for Bobby's Lounge, Inc., 858 Suffield St., Aga., MA.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of CHARLES CALABRESE, JR., who is seeking a Special Use Permit Exception in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a duplex style structure at the premises identified as LOT No. 3, GARDEN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Melconian Voices Concerns Over Mass. River Protection Act

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has voiced her concerns about the economic impact of the Massachusetts River Protection Act on Western Massachusetts. The river bill was reported favorably by the Senate Ways & Means Committee on March 29th, 1994.

The river bill establishes a 150-foot setback on land appurtenant to all rivers and perennial streams within the Commonwealth. Within this protected riverfront area, new construction and expansion of existing structures would be restricted. Residential and commercial property owners could seek a variance from the local conservation commission which would only be granted after a public hearing and review.

Senator Melconian, a member of the Senate Ways & Means Committee, voted to report the bill from the committee to allow for a full and open debate on this issue before the Senate.

"I support the principle of environmental protection, especially preserving the scarce natural resources of our rivers and streams. But we should not act hastily to pass this bill without a thorough examination of the potential adverse economic consequences of designating land along the riverbanks and streams as undevelopable," she stated.

Massachusetts rivers and streams are currently protected under an amalgam of federal, state, and local regulations, including The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act which regulates activities within 100 feet of all Massachusetts waterways.

Melconian continued, "The need for stricter

standards should be measured against the effect such measures will have on perpetuating Massachusetts' anti-business atmosphere. Establishing new regulatory hurdles may serve to reinforce the perception that the Commonwealth is not a viable option for out-of-state companies seeking to relocate. The legislature and administration should focus on enacting incentives to create a pro-business atmosphere."

The new standards proposed in the river bill could have a chilling effect on economic development in Western Massachusetts. Over 4,100 acres of economically developable land is situated in the four western counties.

The river bill contains an exemption for municipalities with a population exceeding 90,000 persons which reduces the setback distance to 25 feet. Springfield is the only community in Western Massachusetts benefitted by this provision.

"I am also concerned about the river bill's effect on recreational use of the numerous waterways in Western Massachusetts," emphasized Melconian. "Ambiguities in the river bill's definition of what constitutes a covered river has raised a red flag for owners of residential summer homes and camps who may find their property values decreased by restrictions on the use of their property."

She concluded, "The legislature should proceed cautiously on the river bill with the full understanding of the ramifications for economic development. I welcome your comments as the debate evolves on the issue."

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Looking Back...

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APRIL 20th - STATE ASKS IF AGAWAM TOWN OR CITY

The state today admitted it does not know whether Agawam is a city or town and therefore cannot rule on what the community's budget deadline might be.

Gordon A. McGill, state Bureau of Accounts director, has avoided a ruling on whether the city-town was late in submitting its budget. The state authorities told Agawam to go its own route and ask its counsel for a legal ruling.

McGill offered some criticism of the Town Council, saying it had been "dilatory and lax" regarding preparation of the budget.

He added that the council had concerned itself with issues other than the budget during the period the budget was to have been prepared.

"Unfortunately, they were remiss and now they must work out their own problem," he said.

APRIL 24th - HOUSING AUTHORITY SIGNS CONTRACT FOR NEW HOUSING

The Housing Authority has signed a contract with the state for a \$1.3 million housing for the elderly project off Main Street.

Raymond Charest, AHA chairman, signed the document Monday night. It paves the way for purchase of the Magovern property where the project will be situated.

The state contract comes after nearly two years of wrangling over a site.

APRIL 24th - TOWN FUND AIDS BURNED-OUT FAMILY

A townwide fund drive began today to aid Irene Scanlon and her two children, whose home at 142 Cooper Street was gutted by fire.

The drive was triggered by a collection made by small neighborhood children who canvassed the area for contributions. Sources said the industrious youngsters presented Mrs. Scanlon with a bag of nickles and dimes amounting to \$16.

APRIL 27th - COUNCILORS CAN'T NEGOTIATE FOR POLICE

Contract negotiations with police will resume Monday, Town Manager James D. Westman said today.

Negotiations were held up after Westman was notified that the police negotiating team would include two town councilors.

However, Attorney Jay Posnik, town counsel, ruled that Councilors Frederick Nardi and Joseph Fauchette would be in conflict of interest if they negotiated on behalf of the police.

Nardi was asked by police to be chief negotiator and Fauchette was asked to participate in an advisory capacity.

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Agawam Obituaries

Gladys Lipson

Gladys (Garland) Lipson, 95, of 27 Saab Court, Springfield, died in a local nursing home. She was a 14-year machine operator for Kinsler Manufacturing. She retired in 1968.

Born in Lynn, she lived in the Boston area for more than 70 years before moving to Springfield 20 years ago.

She was a former member of the Golden Agers of Springfield and American Legion Post 430.

Her husband, Philip Lipson, died in 1991.

She leaves a son, John D. of Sun City, Arizona; two daughters, Flora Early, also of Sun City, and Helen Moynahan of Concord, New Hampshire; 15 grandchildren, including Margaret Devine of Agawam; 32 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Hillcrest Park Cemetery, and Hafey Springfield Chapels was in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701-4688.

Susan A. Lombardi

Susan A. Lombardi, 67, of 230 River Road, Agawam, a retired employee of Sweet Life Foods, died in Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Springfield, she was a longtime resident of this city.

She leaves four brothers, William of Baltimore, Maryland, Aldo of Yarmouth, Raymond of Jacksonville, Florida, and Ernest of Agawam; three sisters, Lucy Cardaropoli of Miami, Florida, Rita Cutrer of Waco, Texas, and Rosemary Schiffman of LaMirada, California; a close friend, Carolyn Marinello of Agawam, with whom she lived; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held Friday morning, April 29th, in Tazzini Funeral Home and in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Calling hours will be Thursday afternoon and evening.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1994 at 7:05 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of CHARLES CALABRESE, JR., who is seeking a Special Use Permit Exception in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a duplex style structure at the premises identified as LOT No. 4, GARDEN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: April 28, 1994

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Marion M. White

Marion M. (Govini) White, 70, of 271 Cooper Street, Agawam, a 17-year secretary to the town's Board of Health, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center. She retired in 1985.

Born in Springfield, she was a 1941 graduate of the High School of Commerce, and moved to Agawam in 1955.

She was on the Republican Town Committee, and had been a volunteer at Brightside for Families and Children, Springfield Municipal Hospital, and at the YMCA swimming pool in Springfield. She was also a Golden Ager.

She leaves her husband, Robert M. White; three sons, David L. of East Longmeadow, and Robert D. and Thomas C. of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

The funeral and burial were private, and Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Brightside for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Road, West Springfield, MA, 01089.

Lillian E. Paro

Lillian E. (Perusse) Paro, 87, formerly of 51 Maple Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Agawam, she lived in West Springfield for many years before returning to Agawam in 1967. She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

Her husband, Avila J. Paro, died in 1962.

She leaves three sons, Raymond E. of Feeding Hills, Ronald A. of West Springfield, and Robert J. of Seattle, Washington; two daughters, Elaine P. Smith of Agawam and June M. Longobardi of West Springfield; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

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Bitzas Committee Plans Reception For Friday, May 6th

The committee to elect George Bitzas State Representative for the Third Hampden District will hold a reception in his honor on Friday, May 6th, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the Oaks Banquet House, 1070 Suffield Street in Agawam.

Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served. Coffee, pastries, and cookies will be served after 11:00 p.m. Entertainment by Rocco (until midnight) will make the evening festive.

Donations are: \$25 per couple, \$15 for individuals, and \$10 for senior citizens. Everyone is invited to come and meet the candidate.

LOOKING BACKWARD - from Page 8...

Negotiating for the town will be Posnik, Police Chief R. Kenneth Grady, and David C. Gallano, town treasurer.

Westman said he was notified by the Police Union, Local 376, that its negotiating team would revert to the original negotiating committee that will include union leaders and a Boston attorney for the International Brotherhood of Police Officers.



TOWN COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT and Democratic candidate for State Representative, George Bitzas, with members of his committee. From left - Steve Penna, Joann McGeoghan, Tom Tierney, and Jane Gallerani. The group is planning a reception for Bitzas on Friday, May 6th.

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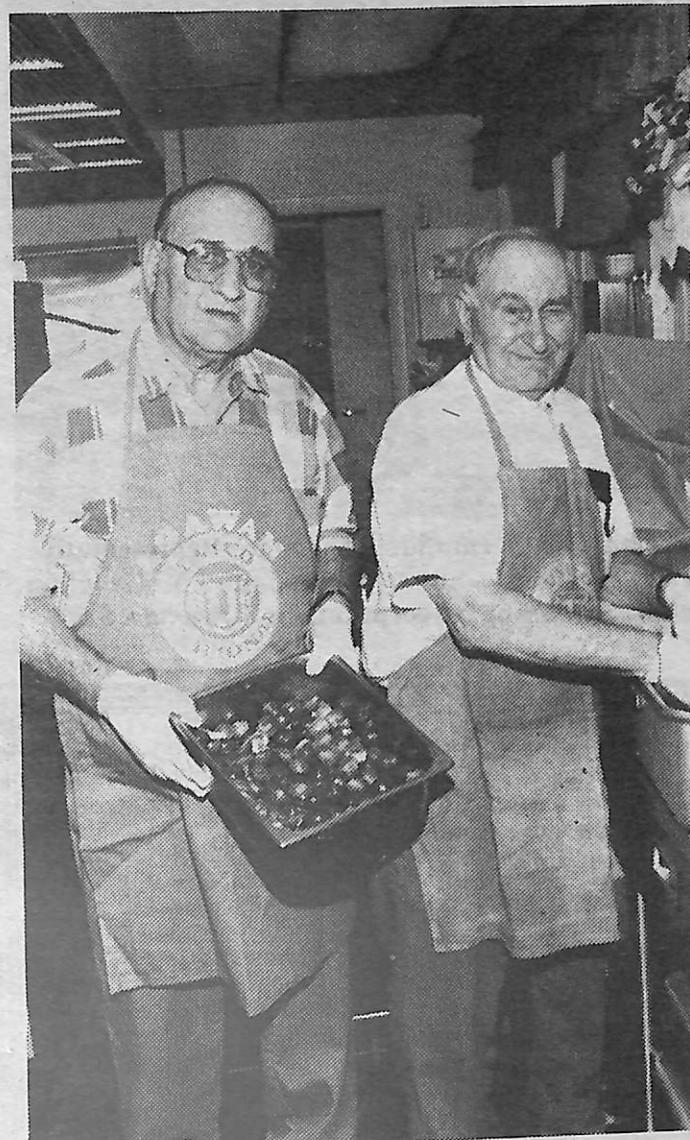
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AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS Al Malone (right) and Al D'Agostino are the resident salad makers for the club. The two again put their talents to use at the Agawam Senior Center on April 17th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Lioness Club To Meet May 2nd

The Agawam Lioness Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, May 2nd, at the Storwton Restaurant in West Springfield.

The social will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The slate of officers will be installed for the 1994-95 term.

Reservations may be made by calling Lil Doyle at 786-9586.



COFFEE, TEA, OR MILK? Agawam UNICO members, from left - Frank Chriscola, Richie Forni, and Joe DePalo volunteer at the Agawam Senior Center during a ziti and meatball dinner on April 17th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WORKING IN THE KITCHEN at a ziti and meatball dinner at the Agawam Senior Center are Agawam UNICO members, from left - Ron LaLancette, Ed Disco, Jim Willis, Louie Russo, and Richie Forni. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Senior Citizens Enjoy UNICO's Dinner



AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZEN LADIES, from left - Albertina Forsberg, Dora Dawson, Helen Bye, Lillian A. Mansfield, and Theresa Ferrero enjoy the ziti dinner provided by Agawam UNICO on April 17th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Dog Licenses Available At Police Dept.; Rabies Clinic Planned For May 14th

Dog licenses for 1994 are due for renewal and are available at the Agawam Police Department's Records Section between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Please bring a current rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian, and if your dog has been spayed or neutered, bring a certificate or proof that the dog has been spayed/neutered. The price of a dog license is \$4 for a spayed/neutered dog, and \$10 for non-spayed/neutered dogs.

Chapter 140, Section 137 of the Massachusetts General Laws states that all dogs over the age of six months must be licensed every year by the

owner/keeper in the City or Town in which the dog is kept. The penalty for failure to license a dog shall be a fine of \$25 under M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 141.

The City of Agawam will be sponsoring a rabies clinic on May 14th at the Agawam Police Station. The hours of the clinic will be 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and dog licenses may be obtained at the clinic. Please bring dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier. The fee at the clinic will be \$10 per animal.

M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 145B requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Violators of this law shall be punished by a fine of \$50.



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Agawam UNICO Sets May 1st Breakfast

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will be holding its annual Pancake Breakfast on May 1st.

The breakfast will be held at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadow Brook Manor (off Main Street), beginning at 7:30 a.m. and will continue until 12:00 noon. The cost for the breakfast is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

All proceeds from the breakfast will be used to benefit Agawam UNICO and its many charitable activities. Agawam UNICO is well-known for its commitment to the community and the residents of Agawam.

Agawam UNICO continually provides scholarships, as well as helping Agawam's mentally and physically disabled. The organization is also known for its contributions to the many student groups and civic activities throughout the community.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets can obtain them from any member or at the door. This year's breakfast is co-chaired by Tom Coppola, President, Tom Leahy, Ron Lalancette, Dennis Marchetto, and Lou Scherpa.

Providence Hospital Salutes Volunteers

Providence Hospital saluted volunteers from Agawam, Aldenville, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Goshen, Holyoke, Leeds, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield, West Springfield, and Westfield at its annual volunteer awards banquet April 21st at the Merry-Go-Round in Holyoke.

This year, Providence Hospital's volunteers, numbering more than 100, have donated 21,076 hours to the hospital.

Those who were honored included Agawam residents Phyllis Manning and Beverly Protzenko.

Volunteers donate their time in areas throughout the hospital, including the Gift Shop, Information Desk, CSR, Pharmacy, Messenger Service, Accounting, Medical Records, Human Resources, Fund Development, Admitting, Diagnostic Imaging, and One Day Surgery.

Anyone interested in volunteering at Providence Hospital should contact Sally Jo Fridley, Director, Volunteer Services, 539-2475.

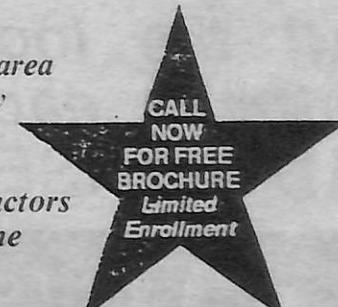
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TICKET CHAIRWOMAN for the recent Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I Banquet & Installation of Officers were Claire Guidetti and Alice Ramponi. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER was the setting for the Annual Meet of the Senior Center Pool Players against the best offered by Agawam High. For the fourth year in a row, the trophy remained at the Senior Center as the AHS upstarts proved to be no match. IN TOP PHOTO, members of the AHS team - Todd Zern, Mike McCormick, Sean Rose, John Hogan, and Brian Cogswell. PHOTO BELOW, senior pool sharks John Balas, Bill Case, Mayor Christopher Johnson (who started the match), Ted Dynia, Bob Fournier, James Quinn, and Alex Modie. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Ag. Senior Center's Calendar For May

Monday, May 2nd: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.
Tuesday, May 3rd: 9:00 a.m. SHINE service (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders). By appointment.
Tuesday, May 3rd: Special 12:30 program. "For Your Health" with Nancy Dell, registered dietitian and TV personality.
Tuesday, May 3rd: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check (no appointment necessary).
Wednesday, May 4th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Haynes. By appointment.
Wednesday, May 4th: 9:00 a.m. "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center" board meeting.
Wednesday, May 4th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting.
Friday, May 6th: 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening. By appointment.
Friday, May 6th: 9:15 a.m. Free hearing clinic, courtesy of Weldon Mobile Hearing Center.
Friday, May 6th: Special Mother's Day Dinner with entertainment. Reservations only.
Monday, May 9th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.
Tuesday, May 10th: Special 12:30 program. "How To Choose A Good Lawyer And How To Be A Good Client" with Attorney Douglas R. Peterson.
Wednesday, May 11th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting.
Thursday, May 12th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Salem. By appointment.
Sunday, May 15th: 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Pancake breakfast fundraiser for "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center."

Monday, May 16th: The Senior Center will be closed to the public (no lunch program). Offices will be open, and Meals On Wheels will be delivered.
Tuesday, May 17th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE service. By appointment.
Tuesday, May 17th: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check (no appointment needed).
Wednesday, May 18th to 20th: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Art exhibit to be presented by the Senior Center art students under the direction of Sandy Saitto. The public is invited.
Wednesday, May 18th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting.
Thursday, May 19th: 9:00 a.m. Foot care nurses. By appointment.
Friday, May 20th: 10:30 a.m. Special program. "Introduction to Oil Painting" with Jeanne Baskin Reich. The public is invited. Reservations, please.
Monday, May 23rd: 1:30 p.m. Agawam Chapter of AARP meeting. The public is invited.
Tuesday, May 24th: 2:00 p.m. Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan. By appointment.
Tuesday, May 24th: 4:00 p.m. COA meeting. The public is invited.
Wednesday, May 25th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' meeting.
Thursday, May 26th: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer Recognition Dinner. By invitation only.
Friday, May 27th: 9:15 a.m. Free hearing screening, courtesy of Weldon Mobile Hearing Center.
Friday, May 27th: 12:30 p.m. Memorial Luncheon. By invitation only.

Notice Of Change Of Date:

Please take note of a date change for Nancy Dell's special 12:30 program that was scheduled for April 26th. The program, "Win The Weight War," is now scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd.

New Class To Be Introduced:

A special demonstration has been scheduled as an introduction to a new class, "Oil Painting," that will run through the summer. The demonstration will take place on Friday, May 20th, at 10:30 a.m. Reservations are required.

The presented will be Jeanne Baskin Reich, a well-known artist from Longmeadow. Jeanne has been teaching for many years, is a graduate from the Pratt Institute, and has attended the Academy of Design and has studied under famous artists. She has also represented the French paint company "La Franc Bourgeois."

Jeanne has travelled all over the country doing demonstrations and workshops in oils, pastels, fabric painting, and also conducts classes in "Magic White." She has been awarded many awards and won numerous prizes on her way to success.

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Golden Age Club Chapter I Holds Banquet



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter I held their Annual Banquet & Installation of Officers at Storowton Tavern. Next year's officers are Jan Riberdy, chaplin; Florida Tangocci, corresponding secretary; Louise Balboni, recording secretary; Dolores Gatti, vice-president; Frances Fagnani, treasurer; and Evelyn O'Melia, president.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

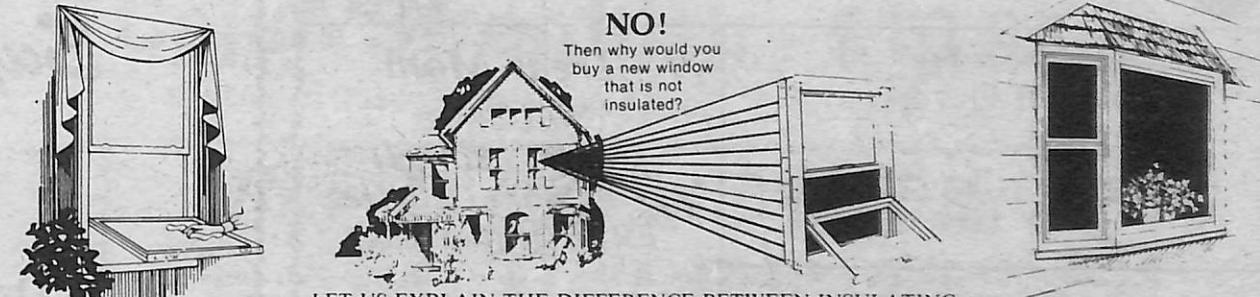


AT THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB (Chapter I) Annual Banquet & Installation of Officers - Paul Brusseau, Ed Organek, Mary Del Negro, Gertrude Duvall, Helen Rogers, and Frank Gatti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Mother's Day Celebration:

On Friday, May 6th, it will be that special time of year when we will celebrate Mother's Day. Betty and her kitchen crew are busy planning the special menu for the celebration. The entertainment will be a pleasant surprise.

The menu will be baked ham, pan-roasted potatoes, butternut squash, dinner rolls, and rosebud cupcake. Make your reservation early so you won't be left out (786-0400, ext. 242).

Elder Law Week - "How To Choose A Good Lawyer And How To Be A Good Client:

Through the efforts of the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs (directed by Franklin R. Ollivierre and the MBA [Massachusetts Bar Association]) and the Agawam Council on Aging, the Senior Center is happy to participate in the observance of "Elder Law Week" by presenting a timely program called "How To Choose A Good Lawyer And How To Be A Good Client."

The guest speaker will be Attorney Douglas R. Petterson, Esq. Among the subjects to be discussed will be legal services for the elderly; lawyer referral programs; and what you should expect from your lawyer and what your lawyer should expect from you.

The program is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th, at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242 (activities department).

Calling All Walkers And Senior Athletes For The Annual Memorial Day Parade:

Come and join us on Monday, May 30th, to participate in Agawam's annual Memorial Day Parade.

There will be three divisions representing the senior population in Agawam: (1) the Council on Aging, (2) Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, and (3) ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes). All are welcome to march behind the banner of their choice.

We will meet at Southworth Paper Co. on Main Street at 10:00 a.m. and march to the Veterans' Memorial (Phelps School) just one mile. Come join us in memory of our veterans.

Call 786-0400, ext. 242 (activities department), and ask for Sandra Smith if you plan on joining us. Thank you.

Mitch's Gardens Sets Herb Workshop

Mitch's Gardens, located at 1275 Suffield Street in Agawam, is pleased to announce that it will be holding an herb gardening workshop on Saturday, April 30th, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Pamela D. Jacobsen, Master Gardener and garden writer, will discuss ways to incorporate herbs into your gardens and landscape. This workshop is free to the public, and no prior registration is required.

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Lioness Club Donates To Agawam Library

The Agawam Lioness Club has presented a generous donation to the Agawam Public Library to be used for the purchase of large print books.

Large print books contain the complete text of "regular print" books, but they are printed in an easier-to-read, 16 to 18 point-size type on non-glare paper. Large print books are printed by only a few publishers, so they cost more than the average fiction or non-fiction book.

The money donated by the Lioness Club will be used to purchase additional fiction and non-fiction titles for the library's large print book collection.

The increasing demand for large print books has outstripped the library's ability to purchase as many large print titles the elderly and vision-impaired patrons would like. In 1993 alone, the circulation of large print books was up 17% over 1992.

In addition, the Lioness Club presented a check to be used by the library for the service of a sign language interpreter. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, a business or public agency must make provisions to provide access to programs and services to individuals with disabilities.

The staff of the Agawam Public Library is grateful for the assistance of the Agawam Lioness Club in defraying some of the cost of this vital service.

VFW 6714 Ladies' Auxiliary Announces Newly-Elected Officers

Laura Harrington of Vaudnais Street, Agawam, was chosen to be the Installing Officer for newly-elected President Rita Shea of Barcomb Trowbridge Ladies Auxiliary to VFW 6714. Also on the installing team is Shirley Lascala, the Junior Vice President Elect (and past District 7 President) who will be the Installing Secretary and was also appointed Secretary for the ensuing year (following the State Convention in Worcester in June).

Anne Sorel of Westfield will be the Installing Conductress for the installation and was elected Conductress for Auxiliary 6714. Laura Harrington and Rita Shea are both past District 7 Presidents; Mrs. Harrington was also elected Senior Vice President for the ensuing year.

Among those who attended the recent banquet for State President Kathleen Clement at White's in Westport were the following Auxiliary 6714 members: Laura Harrington, Shirley Lascala, and President Annie Granger.

Forest Park Zoo Open Seven Days A Week

The Zoo In Forest Park is now open seven days a week. Its hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Visitors will see many exciting enhancements and additional exhibits under construction, according to Forest Park Zoological Society President Parker Hodgman. The additions have been made possible primarily through a grant from the State's Urban Self Help Program and through the support of area civic groups and through increased support from the corporate community.

Among the enhancements currently under construction is a large gibbons great ape exhibit. In addition, a walk through and hands-on fallow deer area is being prepared.

"This is a wonderful time to visit the Zoo," Hodgman said. He noted that many new births have recently occurred, including three adorable baby capybara, as well as baby goats and a newborn llama and calf.

A special fund drive is underway to raise at least \$10,000 to provide a home at the Zoo for Bandy, an adorable bear cub. Thanks to many caring people, over \$5,000 has been raised to date.

Hodgman urged area residents as well as civic groups and businesses to contribute to this special fund. Tax deductible gifts payable to the Forest Park Zoological Society, Attn: Bandy The Bear, P.O. Box 80295, Springfield, MA 01138-0295, will be deeply appreciated.

Persons visiting the Zoo are assured of a wonderful time. In addition to its many domestic and exotic animals, the Zoological Society offers train rides, special tours, and excellent food through its concession stand.

For further information about the Zoo, including educational programs and group rates, call 733-2251.

"Close Out" Tag Sale At K Of C Thrift Store

Due to financial difficulties, the Knights of Columbus Southwick Council No. 11178 will be closing its Thrift Store, which is located at 65 Mill Street, Agawam plaza (across from Christo's Restaurant).

All remaining merchandise will be liquidated and sold during a "Close Out" Tag Sale, to be held at the 65 Mill Street store Friday, April 29th, Saturday, April 30th, and Sunday, May 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be something for everyone—clothing, bric-a-brac, and furniture.

Knights of Columbus members would like to thank everyone who donated, purchased, or helped in any way, for their support.

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Agawam Golden Age Clubs' May Calendar

May 4th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guest, Mrs. Louise David, speaking on "Indian Culture."

May 6th: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

May 11th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

May 16th & 17th: Chapter 1 - Trip to the "Indian Head Resort" in New Hampshire.

May 18th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. consisting of our "Memorial Service for Departed Members" and our guest, Mrs. Jeannette Denoncourt. Also, the rewarding of scholarships to two Agawam High seniors.

May 25th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. consisting of our "Memorial Service for Departed Members" and our guest, Mr. Vincent Govoni.

May 27th: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of BRUCE KERR, who is seeking relief from Section 180-27 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family residence on a lot with less than the required frontage at the premises known as LOT No. 12, NORTH WEST STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Both mothers and women role models are being remembered with special gifts and cards, according to Robert McElligott, owner of Surprise! Card & Gift Shop, a Hallmark Gold Crown store located in the Southgate Shopping Plaza on Suffield Street, Agawam (next to Big Y).

McElligott says customers are looking for special items for various women in their lives. In addition to gifts and cards specifically for "Mom" and "Mother," a wide selection of feminine items

are appropriate for other special women who fill the mothering or mentoring role.

In addition to traditional Mother's Day cards for both "Mom" and "Mother," Surprise! Card & Gift has cards for other important women. One card, for example, says, "For my 'other mother' ... Happy Mother's Day from someone who will always be grateful for your enthusiasm, your encouragement, and your love." And another says, "On this day for honoring women who are important in our lives, I just want to say thanks."

A lasting memento or gift has become a Mother's Day tradition, McElligott says. For example, one unique gift item that provides lasting memories is the silver flowers bracelet. The bracelet bears a message about the meaning of giving flowers to serve as a remembrance of the sender.

Beautiful English Garden stationery ensembles and fragrance baskets feature attractively designed items with a special feminine touch. Various gifts are available for under \$8.

Operation Friendship Seeking Families For 1994-96 For Traveling, Hosting

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship is looking for families for the 1994-1996 hosting and travel groups.

Operation Friendship is a non-profit, all volunteer organization whose purpose is to encourage international friendship and understanding among youth and adults, both foreign and domestic.

Membership in Operation Friendship is open to youth 13-21 years of age without qualifications as to color, creed, sex, or national origin. It is a two year family commitment. The first year is to host a European youth in your home; the second year a chance to travel to one of the seven European countries involved in Operation Friendship International: England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Sweden, The Netherlands, and Germany.

Travel dates usually fall around the end of July to early August. During the three week visit, each local hosting group plans a program of tours and visits to educate their guests as to the cultural, educational, commercial, industrial, and government systems of the country.

Once a visitor reaches the nation being visited, the host group assumes all boarding and touring costs. Through fundraising activities, our local group is able to meet most, if not all, of the travel fees and hosting costs.

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship is planning an informational night on Sunday, May 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Anyone at all interested, please join us or call Kathy Rose at 786-0195.

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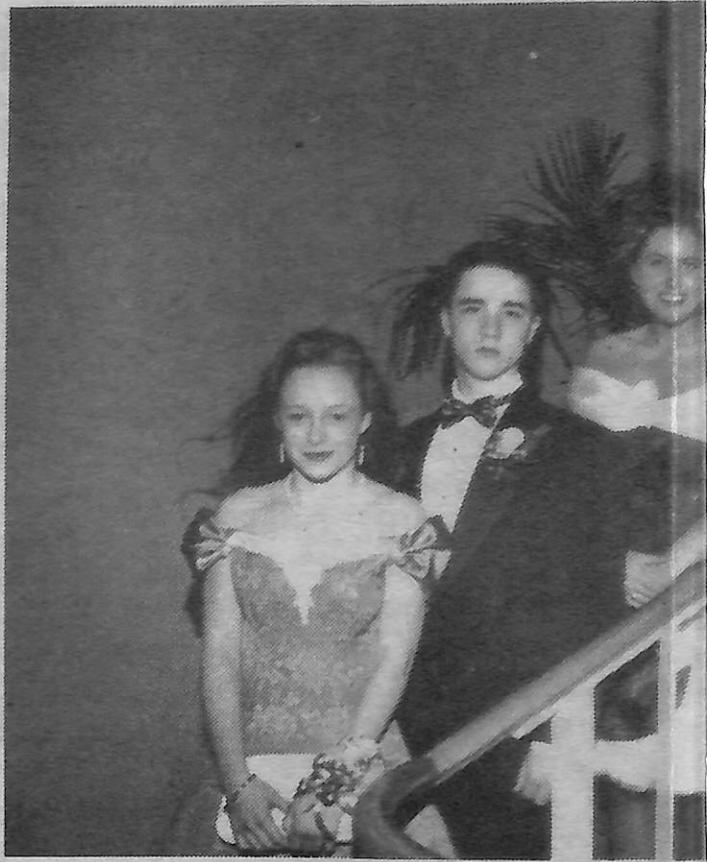
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LOOKIN' GOOD AT Agawam High School Charette, Deana Bracci, Mark Brittain, Nicole C and Joe Ferrentino. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



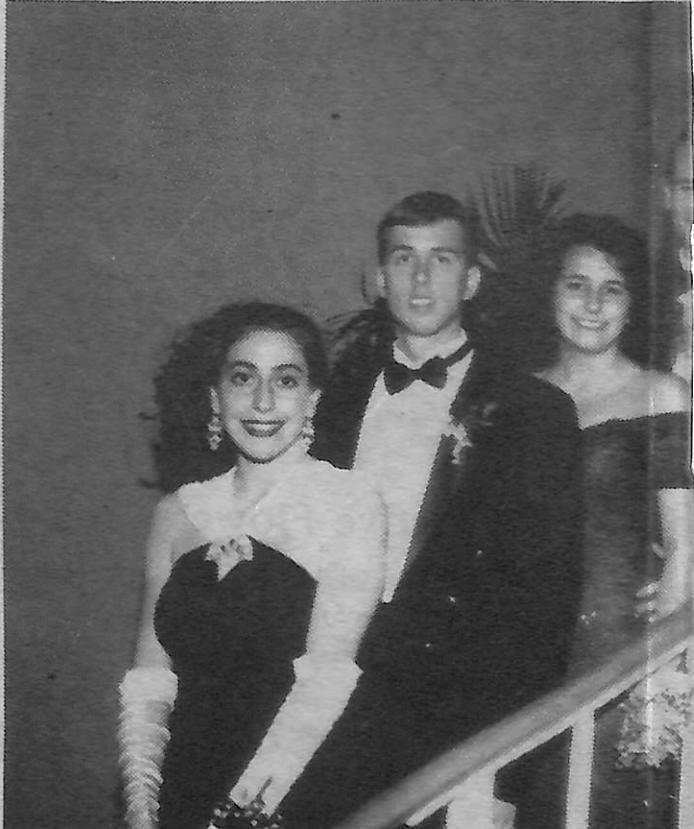
AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS students (AFS) and their dates for the Agawam High Prom '94. Back row - Todd Zern, Joe Scherpa, Santiago Romero, Martin Asp (Sweden), and Bill Manley. Front row - Ali Rusava (Czech Republic), Joana Monteiro-Grillo (Portugal), Celeste Arraztoa (Chile), Nina Giordano, and Yvonne Hodel (Switzerland). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FOUR CLASSY-LOOKING COUPLES - Dan P nifer McElligott, Jennifer Rivers, Ryan Nading, News photo by Jack Devine.



ARRIVING AT CHEZ JOSEF in style - Christina Wojcik, Dina Ciarmatori, Karen Prendergast, Andrea Ferrari, Heather Zielski, Erika Bellame, Mark Wilkes, Jamie Gior dano, Michael Fay, Laura Mutti, Katie Guiel, and Jon Cullins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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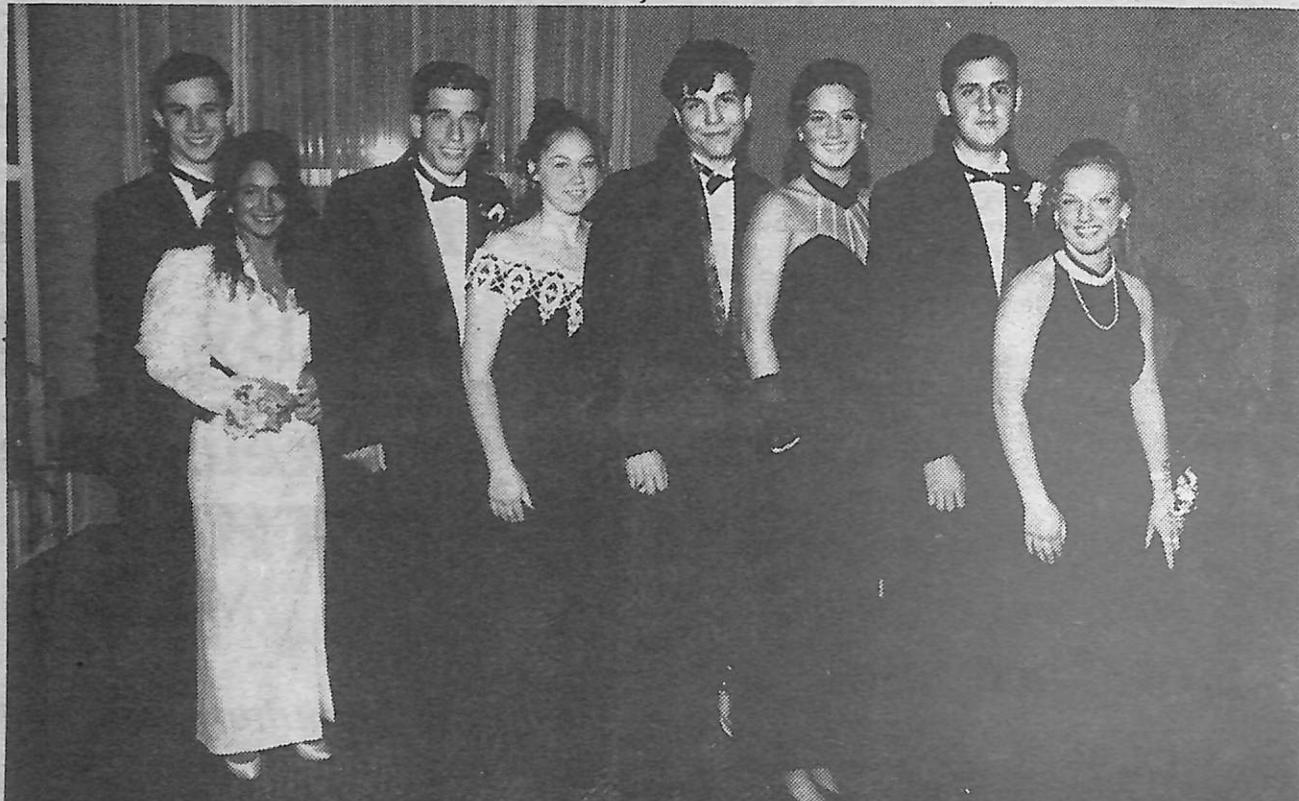
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“TRUE” GENTLEMEN always let ladies sit down first! Standing - Eric Mastroianni, Dominic Maloni, Jon Schafer, Chris DeMusis, and Bryan Kennedy. Seated - Beth Fleury, Erica Gravel, Kerry Gagni, Amy Grimaldi, and Beth Lacienski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN THE FOYER OF CHEZ JOSEF - Jason Gilmartin, Karlene Papadakis, Matthew Bellico, Deb Parslow, Dana Adams, Kimberly Graveline, Jose Ricaurte, and Selena Machia. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER - Steven Wegrzyn, Danielle Petrangelo, Alexander E. Gomez, Jamie Sternowski, Kevin Willard, Jill Lamson, Erica Schlaffer, Andrew Ingham, Dyan Deluce, and Derek Casinghino. Advertiser News by Jack Devine.



MR. & MRS. SHANE P. ADAMS

Jody L. Melanson Bride Of Mr. Adams

Miss Jody L. Melanson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leslie H. Melanson of Agawam, and Shane P. Adams, son of Mr. & Mrs. Brian L. Adams of Belchertown, Massachusetts were married on April 8th at St. John's Church in Agawam.

A 4:15 p.m. ceremony was followed by a reception at Betty's Old Towne House in Agawam.

The maid of honor was Diane Gendron, and bridesmaids were Jennifer Haley, Michelle Wilkie, and Kathy Alfano.

Best man was Jared Adams, and ushers were Fran Bodzinski, Steven Melanson, and Darin Brease.

After a week's honeymoon in Walt Disney World, Florida, the couple will reside in Agawam.

Ag. Women's Club To Be Represented At State Convention

Laura G. Coppola, 14th District Director, will be representing the Agawam Women's Club at the 102nd Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Close to 500 members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs are expected to attend the organization's convention, which will be held at the Sea Crest Hotel in North Falmouth from May 10th through 12th.

Representing over 200 member clubs across the Commonwealth, the women will convene to hear speakers on numerous subjects, elect officers, present scholarships to Massachusetts students, and receive awards for outstanding work in various areas. President Tina Macrina from Brockton will preside.

Speakers at the Convention will include Representative Carmen Buell from the Second District, Franklin County, who will speak on Health Care (Representative Buell serves on the Legislature's Joint Committee on Health Care); Gayle Rose Clark, a descendent of John Ross (the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation), will share the history of her heritage; and Gayle Higgins Clark, author of numerous mystery novels, will speak on the lighter side of writing.

Over \$25,000 in scholarships and fellowships will be presented to students studying at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in art, music, international affairs, communications disorders, and other areas.

Clubs and clubwomen will be awarded in honor for work in public relations, community improvement programs, education, and youth leadership.

The highlight of the convention will be the installation of the officers for the 1994-1996 administration under the leadership of Marianne J. Norman from Melrose, who will serve as President of the Federation.

Best local news...

Kids' Fingerprinting Available At Town Fair

Fingerprinting of children for identification purposes will be available at the Agawam Town Fair on Saturday, May 14th, at Perry Lane Park. Fingerprinting Officer Malone of the Agawam Police Department will be at the fair, fingerprinting children whose parents will then be provided with a fingerprint card to keep. According to the Agawam Police Department, all parents should have a record of their child's fingerprints, in case it is ever needed.

The organizations sponsoring game booths at the Fair are: George & Green, St. David's Junior and Senior Youth Groups, Agawam 4-H Groups, Agawam High School Football Booster Club, Boy Scouts Pack 82 and Cub Scouts Pack 78, the Baptist Church Youth Groups, the Agawam Congregational Church 4-5-6 group and the Junior High Youth Group, the International PWP Youth Groups (Parents without Partners), and Todd Zern from Up With People.

The Agawam Town Fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. It promises to be great fun for families with lots of games, music, food, free balloons, and more. The rain date is Saturday, May 21st.

Various businesses have contributed to make this a real town event. Come to the fair, have a good time, and also get your child fingerprinted.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 2nd: BBQ pork rib, baked beans, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, applesauce with raisins.

Tuesday, May 3rd: Baked chicken breast, potato puffs, corn, Canadian oat bread, orange.

Wednesday, May 4th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, peas, whole wheat bread, canned peaches.

Thursday, May 5th: Broccoli/cheddar soup, American chop suey, tossed salad, oatmeal bread, tapioca pudding.

Friday, May 6th: Mother's Day Celebration—Baked ham, pan-roasted potatoes, butternut squash, dinner roll, rosebud cupcake.

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Friends Of Agawam Senior Center To Hold Pancake Breakfast

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 15th, at the Agawam Senior Center. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The cost of tickets is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 10 years of age.

Tickets are available at the Agawam Senior Center and will be available at the door the morning of the breakfast. Tickets and information may be obtained from "Friends" board members Lil Doyle, Desiree Jacobs, Mary Leahy, Jim Griffin, Barbara Gingras, Tom Leahy, Nellie Matthias, Vi Presz, or Joanne Willis.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to help purchase a large screen video projector for movies and educational programs at the Agawam Senior Center.

Ag. Baptist Church To Hold Tag/Bake Sale & Car Wash April 30th

The Agawam Baptist Church, located at 760 Main Street (corner of Main and Elm Streets), will be holding a tag sale/bake sale and a car wash on Saturday, April 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the day's events will be used to benefit the church's 1994 summer campership fund. Each year, the church sends over a dozen campers (ranging from second grade through high school) to either Grotonwood or Oceanwood.

Come and browse around. You may find a treasure or stumble on an antique. The baked goods are all homemade and are guaranteed to satisfy your tastes.

Get your car washed by the church's Junior Youth Group and its leaders. (The car wash rain date is set for Sunday, May 1st, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

Ag. Junior Women Taking Applications For Crafts Fair

Applications for the 20th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival, sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, are available.

The Fair will be held on Saturday, June 4th on the grounds of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Traditional and modern crafts and works of art will be exhibited and sold by artisans from around New England. Guided tours of the historic Leonard House will be available and hourly raffles will be held. Refreshments will be available from a snack bar on the grounds.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the GFWC and GFWC of Massachusetts. All proceeds from the Festival will benefit the Agawam Junior's Scholarship Fund.

Applications and additional information concerning the Arts & Crafts Festival are available by contacting the Agawam Junior Women's Club, c/o Patti Dionne (786-6491), 58 Stony Hill Road, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-1525.

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This notice includes shrubs, trees and bushes that have outgrown their limits or were improperly placed. Also, fences, crushed stones, borders, toys or any other obstruction to the perpetual care of the lots.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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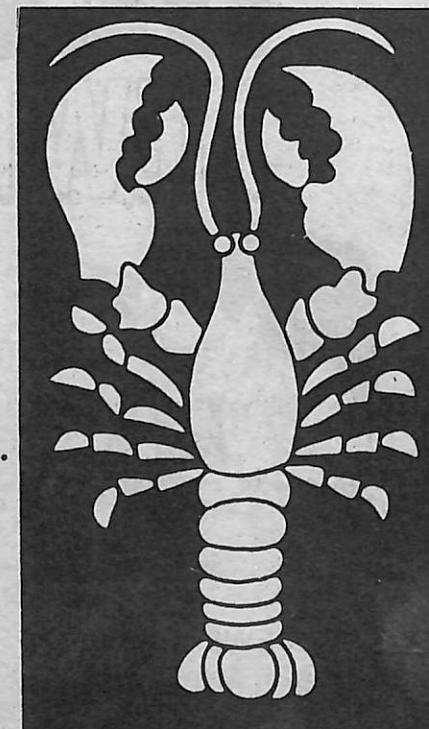
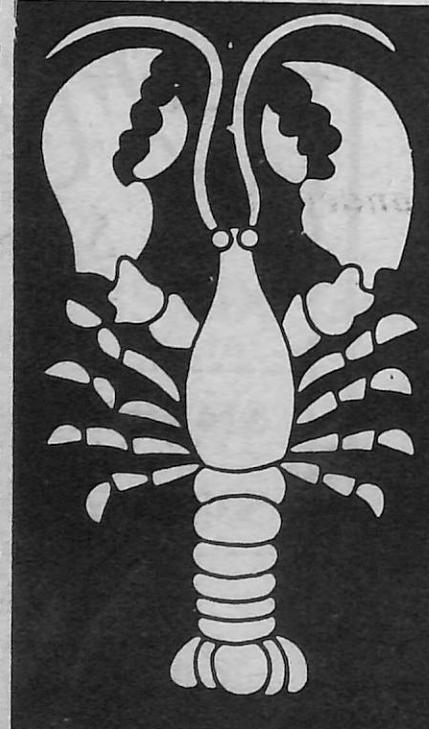
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Church News

Valley Community To Hold Mission & Pot-Luck Supper

The Valley Community Church Congregational will be holding a Mission and Pot-Luck Celebration on Saturday, April 30th, at 6:00 p.m.

The Pot-Luck supper begins at 6:00 p.m. downstairs in Dunn Hall. All those attending the supper are asked to share their favorite dish or dessert, though your presence is the greatest gift.

Everyone will then proceed upstairs for some grand hymnal singing and listen to the guest Missionary speaker, David Mantz, who will tell of his interesting mission work (which will certainly be informative and inspirational).

This Mission Celebration is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Valley Community Church Congregational is located HIGH ON A HILLTOP at 152 South Westfield Street (Route 187) in Feeding Hills.

For further information, please contact the church secretary at 786-2445.

“Spring Smorgasbord” Slated For May 7th At Ag. Baptist Church

The Agawam Baptist Church, located at the corner of Elm and Main Streets, will hold a spring smorgasbord on Saturday, May 7th, with servings at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children under 10 years of age.

The menu will include a fruit cup, home-baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, American chop suey, Harvard beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, potato salad, sunshine salad, cole slaw, relish tray, rolls, assorted homemade pies, and beverages (coffee, tea, and milk).

Make your reservations by calling one of the following phone numbers: 786-8624, 786-0337, or 786-7123. If you make reservations and find you are unable to come, please call and cancel.

Adoration Society To Meet May 6th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at St. Ann's Church, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield to conduct and pray The Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, May 6th from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events

The Children of Church School at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, have been receiving instruction in Holy Communion throughout the year, and this Sunday, May 1st, they will receive Communion at the Worship Service with the congregation.

Children will remain upstairs with their parents to receive Communion.

An “Adults Night Out” will take place this Friday, April 29th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Meet at the church to travel to “Boston Billiards” in West Springfield. All adults (from post-high school age to 104 years of age) are welcome.

This weekend marks the last chance to drop off canned goods for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry for the church's Youth Group competition “Bringing In The Goods.”

This Sunday, May 1st, the Youth Group winner will be announced at the coffee hour.

The 456 Club (fourth through sixth graders) will go bowling on Saturday, April 30th, at 5:30 p.m. Following this activity, the club members will enjoy pizza back at the church.

In addition, a movie night has been planned for Friday, May 6th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. All fourth through sixth graders are welcome. Bring a friend!

A New Member Class will continue on Wednesday, May 4th, at 7:35 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the Agawam Congregational Church is welcome to attend.

An Active Parenting Program for parents of teens and pre-teens will begin on Thursday, May 5th, at 7:30 p.m.

This six-session series has proven to be very helpful and beneficial in building cooperation and understanding among all family members. Please call the church office at 786-7111 to register for

this important program.

An Acolyte Training Session for grades two through seven will begin on Saturday, May 7th, at 9:00 a.m.

Acolytes light the candles for the Worship Service and bring out the “Light of Christ” to the world following the Worship Service.

The family outreach ministries are planning a bus trip to Fenway Park to see the Boston Red Sox play the Toronto Blue Jays on Sunday night, May 15th. Tickets are \$18.50.

The excursion will leave the church at 5:00 p.m. For tickets and more information, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Hear ye, hear ye! Mark your calendars today! Save Thursday, May 19th, for the Agawam Congregational Church's spaghetti/meatball supper. There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$5.50 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 years of age, and a \$4.50 “special” for senior citizens. The menu will consist of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, butter, dessert, and beverages (coffee, tea, or milk).

For reservations, call the church office at 786-7111 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or call 786-7231 during the afternoon hours.

The Annual Friendship Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. Softball games are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. at Phelps field. Following the games, a picnic will be held back at the church at 4:00 p.m.

All are welcome to come and enjoy a great day of games, goodies, and fellowship.

Mark your calendars today! The Agawam Congregational Church's Vacation Bible Camp will be held from July 11th through July 15th.

Registration will begin on Sunday, May 15th. Call the church office at 786-7111.

West Side's Church Of Christ To Host Afternoon Of Hymn Singing Sunday, May 1st

The Church of Christ, 61 Upper Church St., West Springfield will host an afternoon of singing hymns, Sunday, May 1st, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

If you enjoy singing Christian songs or just listening, then you won't want to miss this ex-

travaganza. Everyone is welcome to come and no offering will be taken.

As a matter of fact, you are invited to stay afterward for a period of light refreshments. Come and share this time of rejoicing.

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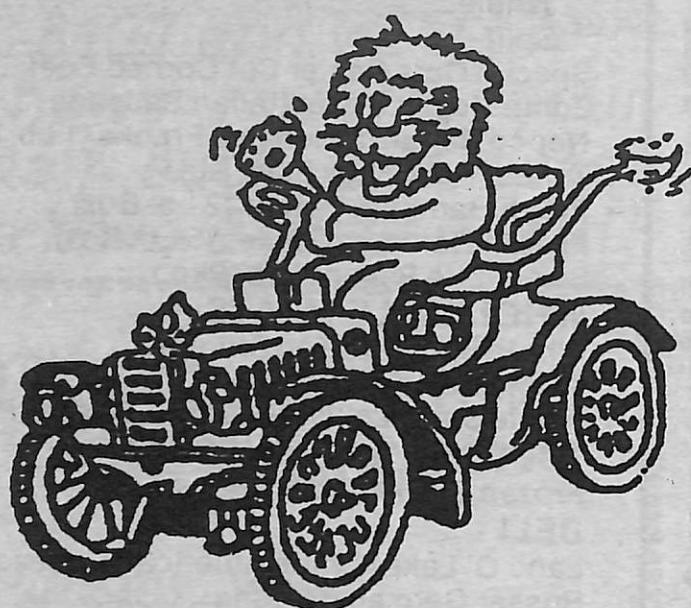
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Church News - continued...

News & Notes From
F.H. Congregational

This week, Reverend Donaldson will give a sermon entitled "Quantum Leap."

Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

The Church Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that it will present an award to Sean Rose during Youth Sunday Church Services in June.

Sean will be graduating from Agawam High School and has been accepted by Roger Williams University (where he plans to study marine biology). He is the son of Bill and Kathy Rose of Feeding Hills.

Students who are members of the church and are interested in receiving a scholarship must write a letter of request which includes the name of the college to which they have been accepted. Letters should be addressed to: Feeding Hills Congregational Church, Memorial Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

Congratulations, Sean!

The Thursday Evening Discussion Group will meet again this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

The 21-Plus Club will meet on Sunday, May 1st, at 7:00 p.m. to finalize plans for the spring outing to Mystic Marineline Aquarium.

The next meeting of the Council will be Monday, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. The Christian Education Committee will meet at the church on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 7:30 p.m.

ANYBODY LISTENING?

A minister once began a sermon with these words: "This morning I'm going to speak on the relationship between fact and faith. It is a fact that you are sitting here in the sanctuary. It is also a fact that I am standing here speaking. But it is faith that makes me believe that you might be listening to what I have to say."

Our minds do tend to wander. One teacher told me that the average person's attention span is less than three minutes; at that point, anything could distract us (even from an interesting speaker).

We could find ourselves noticing for the first time that that crack in the ceiling looks like old Aunt Lucille's profile. Suddenly, everyone around is standing up to sing, and we realize we weren't listening.

Once the great persecutor of Christians, a man named Saul, was traveling down Damascus road when suddenly the lights came on and the voice of God got through to him. "Saul, Saul," God called. That moment, his life was changed.

I wonder if God hadn't been speaking to him all along, but Saul hadn't been listening. It could be that God speaks to us as we travel down White Fox Road or Lenox Street or a hundred other local lanes. But our minds are wandering.

We're distracted. We have other things, of consequence or of no consequence at all, to think about. In the meantime, God continues to call our names. Our lives, too, could change.

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Rosary Altar Society Slates Annual Banquet

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills would like to invite its members to the annual banquet. This special evening will be on Tuesday, May 10th.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m., with new members being installed at this time. The banquet portion of the evening will be held immediately

following the Mass; it will be held at the Casa Di Lisa on Springfield Street.

Tickets will be on sale following the Masses this weekend and during the week at the rectory. The price of each ticket is \$17 and must be paid for at the time of reservation. The deadline is after the last Mass on Sunday, May 8th.

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To select a trained sales associate, you may need to look no further than your own neighborhood or town. Speak with some of the agent's past clients about the quality and integrity of service and performance. Successful professional real estate agents rely heavily on customer/client referrals and will therefore strive to provide the very best in service and satisfaction.

Set up appointments to "interview" agents and brokers much like an employer would interview a prospective employee. Inquire about their training and marketing programs, and specific service policies. Also determine how many years of experience they have. More importantly, find out

how well they know the area. Ask for references and check them out.

Your goal is to determine just how knowledgeable the agents are. Question them on financing, closing costs, and marketing conditions (depending on whether you're a prospective home buyer or seller) to determine their expertise. If they know their stuff, they should be able to answer your questions effortlessly. ***

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A qualified professional real estate agent should be able to answer all your questions and provide you with quality service that is courteous and responsive. Selecting the right person and real estate firm may take time and patience, but when purchasing or selling a home, the selection of a dependable agent should be tops on your list.

You deserve and should expect to be served by an agent that is professional and knowledgeable, but is dedicated to honesty, integrity, and responsive to your needs.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413-789-1117].)

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Westbank Corp. Shows Good Profit For First Quarter Of '94

Donald R. Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer of Westbank Corporation, reported a net income of \$916,000, or \$.28 per share, for the quarter ended March 31st, 1994.

Earnings for the first quarter of 1994 increased by \$175,000, or 24 percent, compared to the first quarter of 1993. The quarterly results represent the 10th consecutive quarter of increased earnings through operations for the Corporation.

"Improved interest margins, increased non-interest income and reduced operating expenses accounted for the significant increase in earnings," according to Mr. Chase.

For the quarter, the Corporation's net interest margin improved to 5.06 percent from 4.62 percent compared to March 31st, 1993. Non-interest income increased by \$68,000 versus the same quarter one year ago and operating expenses declined by \$105,000 for the same period.

Also included in the first quarter results is a \$180,000 tax benefit which is the result of a decrease in the valuation reserve pertaining to deferred tax assets, offset by the provision for current taxes.

In addition, the Corporation absorbed a one time charge to earnings totaling \$130,000 in preparation for the change from an in-house data processing environment to that of a service bureau.

As of March 31st, 1994, assets totaled \$227.1 million, while deposits were at \$204.5 million. The Corporation's capital improved to \$14.2 million, representing a capital ratio of 6.27 percent.

Chase said, "We are pleased with the results of the first quarter and look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead of us."

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For Your Health

Open House Planned At Hampden County Chiropractic



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Door prizes, including T-shirts and low-back and cervical pillows, will be given away. Free massages by massage therapist Michael Mason and relaxation techniques by yoga instructor Pam Paro will be offered.

You are welcome to try a new addition at the clinic, the "spinalator" table. Complimentary spinal exams will be offered to those interested.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet the staff and view the facilities.

Diabetic Education At Mercy Hospital

The Patient Education Department at Mercy Hospital is offering a free series of hour-long diabetic education programs to the public. Classes are offered in the afternoon in the Breck Room of the Deliso Conference Center.

"Introduction to Diabetes" will be offered on May 9th, at 2:30 p.m. by a nurse educator.

"Diet and Diabetes," presented by a dietitian or nurse educator, will be offered on May 10th at 2:30 p.m.

"Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes" is planned for May 11th, at 2:30 p.m. by a Mercy pharmacist.

"Complications Related to Diabetes," offered on May 12th at 2:30 p.m., will be presented by a nurse educator.

Pre-registration is required for the series.

For more information, call Patient Education at 748-9024 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Mended Hearts Chapter To Meet May 4th

The Mended Hearts, Inc. Chapter 37 of Greater Springfield will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m., at the Elks Lodge No. 61, Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Anyone who is anticipating cardiac surgery or undergone cardiac surgery is welcome to attend this support group meeting with family or friends. There is no charge. Refreshments will be served.

Special events for the evening include speaker Dan Yorke.

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For Your Health - continued...



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Making Your Cookies Lower In Fat

Many clients ask me if they can use low-fat margarine and butters in place of the regular fat in their favorite cookie recipes. The answer is YES ... if you follow some guidelines.

Fat is necessary in cookies for a desirable texture and to make them spread. Cookies made with less fat can be cakier, less crisp, drier, and have reduced cookie spread compared to full-fat products. In addition, they go stale faster.

But, you can still bake a desirable cookie. Use spreads with at least 52% fat (regular butter and margarine are 80% fat). According to Nabisco, if you make shaped cookies and cookie crumb crusts, use a spread that's at least 68% fat for firmness.

Cakes, quick breads, and muffins are much easier to make low in fat. In most cases (especially with commercial mixes) you can replace the fat with applesauce or yogurt (I like to use plain or vanilla yogurt). According to the Culinary Institute, use 1 and 1/3 times the amount of fat when you make the substitution.

For example, if the recipe calls for one cup of oil, replace it with 1 and 1/3 cups of applesauce or yogurt. You can cut down on the fat gradually. Start by replacing half the fat with applesauce. If it comes out good, replace all the fat.

Remember, even fat-free cookies, cakes, and muffins still have lots of calories. So, don't think you have a ticket to eat twice as many. Keep your portion to a 100-calorie serving, and chances are you can treat yourself to a "goodie" every day and still lose weight.

Try this lower-fat recipe: DEVILED ANGEL CAKE WITH FRUIT TOPPING (Makes 14 Servings)

1 (14 1/2 ounce) package angel food cake mix
1 (7 1/2 ounce) package SNACKWELL'S Reduced Fat Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, coarsely chopped
3 1/2 cups sliced mixed fruit (strawberries, kiwi, mango, and blackberries)
Strawberry Sauce (recipe follows)

Prepare cake mix batter according to package directions; fold in chopped cookies. Pour into 12-cup tube pan or fluted tube pan. Bake according to package directions. Cool completely.

To serve, cut cake into 14 wedges, top each with 1/4-cup sliced fruit and 2 tablespoons Strawberry Sauce.

Strawberry Sauce: In blender or food processor, puree 1 (16 ounce) package frozen strawberries with sugar, thawed, and 1/2-cup orange juice until smooth. Place in small sauce pan. Add 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Cook over medium-high heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Cool completely. Makes 1 1/4 cups sauce.

(NUTRITION INFORMATION per serving: 230 calories, 1 g total fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 202 mg sodium.)

Mobile Hearing Ctr. At Senior Center May 6th & 27th

Mercy Hospital's Mobile Hearing Center will provide free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center, May 6th and May 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can also be scheduled, on a fee for service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by two nationally certified audiologists from the Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

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Cooley Dickinson Hosp. To Offer "Better Breathing" Series

"Help Yourself To Better Breathing," a series of educational sessions open to people with chronic obstructive lung disease (C.O.P.D.) and anyone else who may have shortness of breath, will begin Thursday, May 5th, and continue on May 12th, 19th, and 26th and run from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. on each of these dates. These sessions are co-sponsored by the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts and Cooley Dickinson Hospital; all sessions will be held in the McCallum Building located behind Cooley Dickinson Hospital on 30 Locust Street, Northampton.

There is a high incidence of lung disease in Hampshire County...

- * Population - 146,568
- * Lung Cancer - 112
- * Emphysema - 1,119
- * Chronic Bronchitis - 7,270
- * Adult Asthma - 4,262

People with lung diseases can manage their disease much better after attending these sessions, as they learn how their respiratory system works; how medications take effect; how to keep a proper nutritional balance; how to purse lip breathe; how to exercise to one's maximum ability; and how to operate the breathing machine and home oxygen equipment properly.

The following topics and speakers will be in this order:

May 5th - "The Respiratory System & How It Works." Speaker: Kathy Bowers, R.N. (Breathing Techniques & Exercises).

May 12th - "Nutrition & C.O.P.D." Speaker: Staci Berntsen, R.D.

May 19th - "Medications: Good Effects/Bad Effects." Speaker: Jay Fleitman, M.D.

May 26th - "Home Equipment/Oxygen and Breathing Machines." Speaker: Ron Korza, R.R.T.

To register, please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts' 800 number—1-800-LUNG-USA. Each patient will be given a packet of information supplied by the Lung Association to back up the information given by the speakers.

Mass. Dental Society Recommends Annual Oral Cancer Screening

Each year, 30,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral cancer. The elderly, people who use tobacco, and heavy users of alcohol are at increased risk of oral cancer.

During May, the Massachusetts Dental Society will focus on the oral health of older Americans. The dental society wants to remind seniors that they should have an oral cancer exam at least once a year, even if they have lost their natural teeth.

Ninety-five percent of all oral cancers occur in people over 40. Oral cancer rates are highest among older men. Among those with oral cancer, however, death or mortality rates are highest among black men. An increase in oral cancers among older women has also been seen.

Scientists who study patterns of oral cancer have identified the use of alcohol and tobacco in any form—cigarettes, chew, pipes, snuff—as risk factors for oral cancer. Further, the effects of alcohol and tobacco are multiplicative rather than additive when they are used together.

Screening for oral cancer is a simple, noninvasive procedure that can be incorporated easily into a regular dental or medical checkup. Oral cancer screening can detect early, localized lesions that are associated with improved prognosis. Individuals with localized cancers have five-year survival rates that are more than four times greater than the survival rates of people who have distant metastases.

For this reason, the Massachusetts Dental Society recommends that older men and women—particularly those who drink alcohol, smoke, or use any tobacco products—should be examined for oral cancer by their dentist or physician every year.

The Massachusetts Dental Society, a 4,500-member statewide affiliate of the American Dental Society, provides dental health information to the public and sponsors dental access programs for the handicapped, senior citizens, and low-income people.

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For Your Health - continued...**Diabetes Education
At Providence Hosp.**

The Providence Hospital Diabetes Education Program for the Management of Diabetes will present a series of free classes beginning May 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Topics to be covered on May 6th include the signs and symptoms of diabetes, coping with diabetes, and self blood glucose monitoring. On May 13th, participants will learn about insulin and oral drug use, plus acute complications which may accompany these treatments.

The May 20th presentation will explore acute and chronic complications and will also include a discussion by Dr. Robert Fleischner, D.P.M. on the importance of foot care. This series will conclude on May 27th with a presentation by a registered dietitian, addressing meal planning and the diabetic diet. A question and answer period will be part of each class.

Diabetes Teaching Nurse Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E. facilitates the program, which is open to diabetics, their families, and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Ms. Strzempko also runs the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the second Thursday of every month. The next testing will be conducted May 12th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Catherine Horan Medical Building, Room 115.

Participants must fast from midnight. No advanced registration is necessary, and a \$2 donation is requested.

For more information, contact Mrs. Strzempko at 539-2938.

**Healthier Lifestyle
At Agawam Library
To Start May 11th**

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce the program, "Choosing A Healthier Lifestyle" on Wednesday, May 11th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Featured speakers will be Suellen Duga of Choice Health, Westfield, "Let's Crack the Health Nut Concept"; Debra Morse, M.Ed., of the Well-Power Weight Management Program, "Willpower vs. Self-Control—How modifying your own behavior can help you reach your goals"; Barbara Belliveau, M.T. from Relax Center for Yoga, Feeding Hills, "Exploring the Benefits of Therapeutic Massage"; and Pamela Paro, Owner/Instructor of Relax Center for Yoga, "Meditation and Relaxation."

This program is aimed at helping people promote a healthier, more relaxed lifestyle. Please sign up by calling the Library at 789-1550.

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**Dietitian Nancy Dell To Appear At
Agawam Senior Center May 3rd**

Nancy Dell, registered dietitian and TV personality on "NewsCenter 22," has rescheduled her seminar at the Agawam Senior Center for Tuesday, May 3rd, at 12:30 p.m. (The seminar was originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 26th, at 12:30 p.m.)

With so many levels of diabetes, especially among the older citizens, Nancy will cover areas relating to "Diet and Diabetes." She will also tell you how to "Win The Weight War."

Nancy has influenced many of us with her words of wisdom concerning our eating habits and self-respect. Many seniors at the Senior Center watch Nancy on TV. One senior, in particular, stands out as a "role model"; this individual is 89 going on 60!

For more information about this upcoming seminar, contact Sandra Smith, Activities Director for the Senior Center, at 786-0400, extension 242.

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Arts

Farewell Concert For Raymond Harvey By Springfield Symphony

On May 7th, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra presents its golden season finale and Maestro Raymond Harvey's last concert as Music Director.

The concert features violin soloist Pamela Frank and the orchestra performing Mozart's *Violin Concerto No. 4, K. 218, D Major* and Gustav Mahler's *Symphony No. 5 in C Sharp Minor*. Sponsored by the Union-News and Sunday Republican, this dynamic performance will complete the SSO's golden season in a style worth remembering.

The evening will also serve as Maestro Raymond Harvey's last concert as Music Director of the SSO, after an eight-year tenure. His eloquent style and charismatic presence on the stage at Symphony Hall will be greatly missed. Harvey will retain his post as Music Director of the Fresno Philharmonic in California and will continue an active guest conducting schedule around the country.

In honor of Maestro Harvey's departure, the Colony Club is hosting a special dinner on Wednesday, May 4th. The dinner is a private event for members of the Colony Club, the SSO Board of Directors and their guests to celebrate the great contribution Raymond Harvey has made to the SSO and the arts in Springfield.

The concert will be preceded by a "Words on Music" talk by Maestro Harvey in Old First Church at 7:00 p.m. During this time, Maestro Harvey will examine and discuss the evening's musical selections. This discussion is free and open to the public.

Tickets range in price from \$5 to \$31. They are available through the SSO Box Office located at 75 Market Place (behind Johnson's) or by calling the Box Office at 733-2291.

The final concert of the SSO's 50th Anniversary season is sponsored by the Union News & Sunday Republican. All concerts of the SSO are also funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

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Pisano's Picks... ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Child Charmers 2

Yes, folks, I'm back! I also managed to unearth some more viewing fun for the kids that parents don't need to worry about.

* Aladdin

Walt Disney Pictures. 1992. Rated G. 1 hour and 30 minutes. Animated.

Walt Disney Studios have churned out yet another animated classic with *Aladdin*. Superbly crafted animation cells and convincing verbalage fuse to make this a worthwhile viewing choice. Note some of the famous talent involved in creating the voices.

So skillfully is the film executed that children and adults will be equally enthralled as they are taken on a magical journey about love and good over evil.

Also worth noting is the film's emotional soundtrack which adds the classic fantasial appeal of *Aladdin*. Songs about enlightenment and love add humanistic nuances to each character and received two Academy Awards.

Aladdin proves that film can be used to illustrate the beauty of emotion in simple terms so that the message is sent to ALL ages loud and clear.

In an age where children's viewing is marred with violence and evil for the most part, it's comforting to know that there's still some legitimate talent making wholesome films for the kids. *Aladdin* is one of these films all the way, as rare as they are to find. And you don't even need to rub a lamp to ask the genie to grant you this wish! 4 STARS. (5 years and up.)

* The Muppet Movie

Director: James Frawley. 1979. Rated G. 1 hour and 34 minutes. Starring: Edgar Bergen, Milton Berle, Mel Brooks, James Coburn, Dom DeLuise, Elliott Gould, Bob Hope, Madeline Kahn, Carol Kane, Cloris Leachman, Steve Martin, Richard Pryor, Telly Savalas, Orson Welles, and Paul Williams.

Jim Henson's lovable Muppet creations captivated audiences so much on the famed television series "The Muppet Show" that they wound up on the silver screen in *The Muppet Movie*.

All the characters that the kids love are along for the ride: Kermit, Miss Piggy, Gonzo, Fozzie Bear, Scooter, and all their pals. The mischief that these characters get into will certainly entertain your children.

As with all the movies I suggest for kids, they are for kids (surprise—what a concept!). In other words, they are wholesome entertainment for the impressionable minds of our youngsters. *The Muppet Movie* is one that I saw as a kid and thoroughly enjoyed.

The Muppet Movie does boast some excellent puppetry for the technical viewers to enjoy, although it does seem to drag towards the end of the film. But, hey, this is for kids and they will love it. 3 STARS. (5 years and up.)

* Freaky Friday

Director: Gary Nelson. 1977. Rated G. 1 hour and 35 minutes. Starring: Jodie Foster, Barbara Harris, John Astin, Ruth Buzzi, and Kaye Ballard.

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Dracula (Rick Anderson) gives Natasha (Evelyn Holland) the "evil eye" as Amy Heft, Diane Christian, Barbara Woerner, and Dorrie Mitchell look on in the Suffield Players monster musical "I'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out, You'll Have To Spend The Night." The musical runs May 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st at Mapleton Hall, Suffield, CT. Call 1-800-289-6148.

Community Artists To Meet May 4th

The Agawam Community Artists will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School, Room 42, Cooper Street, Agawam.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Agawam Community Artists is welcome to attend this meeting.

For information, call Beverly Secondo-Wands, 786-0138, or DeBorah Allen, 786-6087.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1994 at 7:10 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of CHARLES CALABRESE, JR., who is seeking a Special Use Permit Exception in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a duplex style structure at the premises identified as LOT No. 5, GARDEN STREET.

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Reservations Urged For Suf. Players' Show

Suffield: The first Friday performance of "I'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out, You'll Have To Spend The Night," to be presented by the Suffield Players, is already sold out and reservations are strongly recommended for this madcap farcical romp through Frankenstein's Haunted Mansion.

Loaded with trap doors, collapsing walls, and secret entrances, the set promises to be a Suffield Players classic. The multi-level set which houses a cemetery, laboratory, garden veranda, and a main hall, complete with sarcophagus and coffin, "is a home even the Addams Family would feel comfortable in," says Lyle Persons.

Persons, who won last year's set design award for "Dark Lady" at the ACT/CONN Drama Festival, has pulled out all the stops on this gothic structure which has allowed award-winning director Margie Secora to create madcap chases and monstrous mayhem for an evening of side-splitting fun.

The cast and crew have been devoting every Saturday for the last month to create this massive structure which will be home to all those wonderful grade B movie monsters that we've grown to know and love.

Dr. Frankenstein (Konrad Rogowski) leads the frantic goings-on to procure the brain of John Wellington (Mark Proulx) and the body of lovely Mary Hellen Merryman (Paula Cortis), whose car has broken down outside the castle doors. Once they have gained entrance to the castle, they discover that the bridge back has collapsed because of a storm and they must spend the night with the likes of Dracula (Rick Anderson), the Monster (Ed Gogulski), the Mummy (Dana Ring), and his guardian, Nassar (Denise Boutin).

Add to this list of houseguests the Werewolf (Tom MacDonald), his gypsy mother (Kelly Seip), Dracula's side-kick Renfield (Allen Nott), Igor (Lyle Persons), Dracula's nagging undead wife Natasha (Evelyn Holland), and her coffin sisters Draculetes (Amy Heft, Barbara Woerner, Dorrie Mitchell, and Diane Christian), and we guarantee the fun just never stops!

The show features such musical numbers as the title song, "I'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out...," Frankenstein's "A Well Trained Brain," the grave digger's lament, "Somebody's Got To Do It," and the song of Mary's frustration, "Don't Just Say You Love Me ... Do It!" to Igor's hilarious solo, "Play Your Hunch!"

"This is not a serious drama," states director Secora. "We expect our audiences to be worn out from laughing."

The Suffield Players' spring musical offers something for the whole family. From set to lights to costumes to cast, it's a show you won't want to miss.

Performances run May 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st with a "monster bash" after the show on May 7th. For tickets, call toll-free, 1-800-289-6148. Curtain for all shows is 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for the first Thursday and Friday, \$12 for the first Saturday, and \$10 for all other performances.

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Paul Sutton To Lead Tourists On Caribbean Cruise In October 1994

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Friends Of Swk. Lib. Seeking Books For Upcoming Sale

Southwick: Friends of the Southwick Public Library is seeking donations of books for the annual books sale to be held in Southwick on May 14th.

Books of all kinds are needed; fiction, nonfiction, crafts, gardening, how-to, and paperbacks. There is a particular need for cookbooks and children's books since the shelves were cleared of these items at last year's books sale.

Textbooks and magazine collections with the exception of cooking magazines will not be accepted.

Donations may be made at Consolidated School, College Highway, Southwick on Saturday, May 7th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Last Weekend For Bye Bye Birdie In Westfield

The final weekend of the Westfield Theatre Group's spring musical comedy, "Bye Bye Birdie," is Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th. Westfield Theatre Group musicals usually sell out, so reservations are suggested.

Performances will be held next Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m., with a special matinee on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors. All seating is general admission.

"Bye Bye Birdie" features such popular songs as "Put on a Happy Face," "Kids," "Ed Sullivan," and "Rosie." The production is directed by award-winning director Bob Lavoie of Belchertown, with musical direction by Karen Dion of Westfield and choreography by Tamara Belczyk of Chicopee.

Set in the 1950's, the title "Bye Bye Birdie" refers to rock and roll star Conrad Birdie (Brad Thayer). His manager, Albert Peterson (played by Rock

Palmer, a local attorney), is devastated when Conrad is drafted into the army.

Rose (Jackie Doty), Albert's secretary and long-suffering girlfriend, comes up with the perfect promotional stunt to sell millions of records. Conrad will bestow a symbolic kiss to all his fans by kissing one lucky girl, Kim MacAfee (Jackie Buzzee), on national television.

Unfortunately, not everything goes as planned. Enter Mrs. Peterson, Albert's interfering mother (played by Cynthia Lee Andersen, also a local attorney). Add Hugo Peabody, Kim's newly-pinned steady (David Sartori of Southwick), and watch the fireworks begin.

All shows are performed at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield. Tickets can be reserved by calling 572-683.

Tickets may be picked up in person at the box office, which is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Swk. Lutheran Church Seeking Crafters For Sept. Fair

Southwick: Christ Lutheran Church will be sponsoring their annual Arts and Craft Fair, Saturday, September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. outside on the grounds of the church, located at 568 College Highway.

The fair is held rain or shine!

Any area artists and craft people wishing to display their work are cordially invited to register. Each participant must register prior to the fair by filling out a registration form and enclosing a check for \$30 made out to Christ Luther Church—Craft Fair.

Registration forms are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to D. Pike, 2 Field St., Southwick, MA 01077.

If you have any questions, please call the church at (413) 569-5151.

A.R.T. To Hold Auditions For "On Golden Pond"

Agawam Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) will hold auditions for "On Golden Pond" on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18th and 19th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

The show will be directed by Arnold Woods and presented on the first two weekends in October. Any inquiries may be directed to Arnold Woods at (413) 739-2111.

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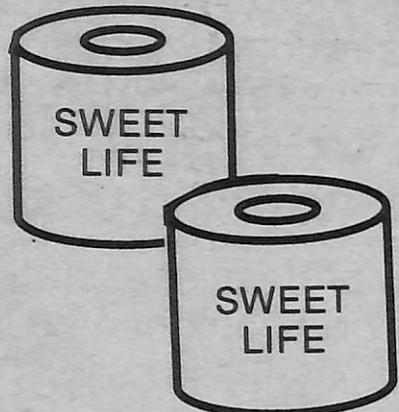
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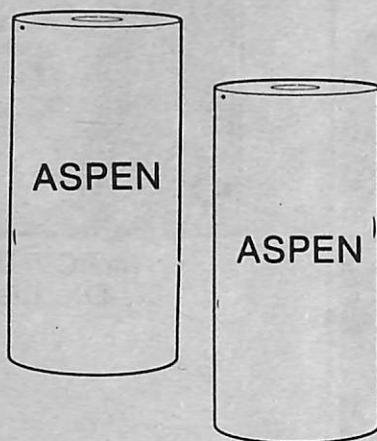


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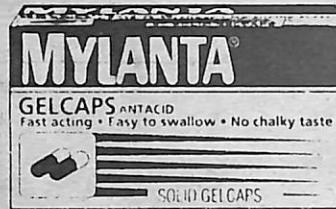
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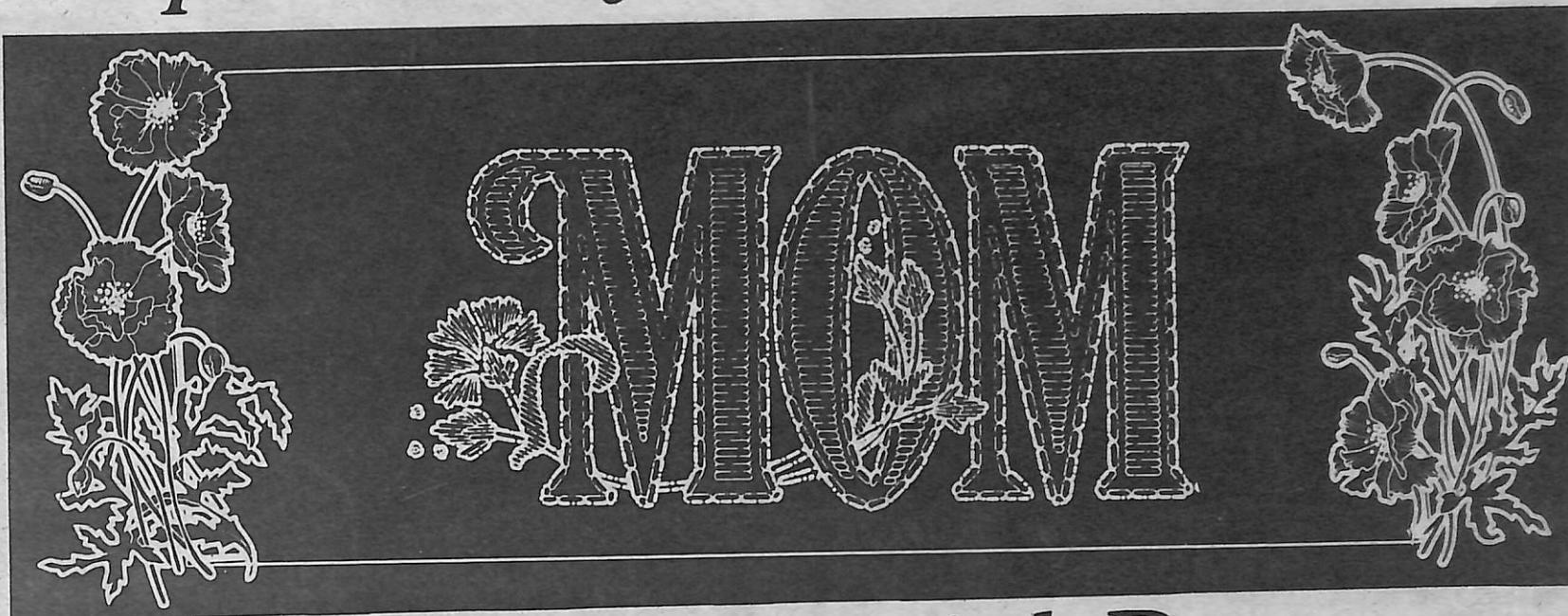
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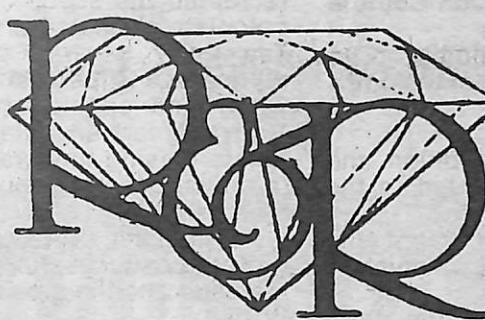
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Education

Social Studies Fair Huge Success At Junior High

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Some dressed in ethnic or period costumes, many offered samples of exotic foods, and all proudly welcomed their parents and teachers to the First Annual Social Studies Fair held at Agawam Junior High School on Tuesday evening, April 5th.

According to Social Studies Chairman William Quinn, all seventh grade social studies classes and his two classes of eighth graders participated in the fair. The seventh graders focused their attention on a foreign country's culture and history, while the eighth graders delved into their topic related to American history.

Originally scheduled to take place in the cafeteria, the fair spilled over into the entrance hallway and the gym. Quinn said the number and quality of the displays created by the students forced him to scramble to find room to accommodate the creative efforts of the students.

"The kids really got into it," Quinn noted. "They really surprised us."

Every available table and every bit of wall space in the cafeteria was covered with the students' work. Posters, photos, time lines, artifacts, written reports, and samples of international cuisine competed for the attention of the hundreds of guests milling around the displays.

Assistant Principal Marc Costanzi praised the students and the teachers for their efforts. "It's incredible they could set it up so fast."

Fairgoers munched on an assortment of delicacies prepared by the students, including beef stroganoff from Lithuania, stuffed grape leaves from Macedonia, rice with egg sauce from Laos, figs from Iran, and dozens of other dishes.

"We could have eaten supper here," commented parent Helen Manning.

An Opportunity To Study Different Countries

Seventh grade social studies teacher Paul Quinn said the fair allowed the students an opportunity to study a country that isn't normally covered in their study of world geography. "It's impossible to cover all the countries in class," Quinn said. "The kids really took off on it. They could work alone or with another student."

Quinn added that he was pleased with the outstanding work done by his students, especially those assigned to research the new republics emerging from the former USSR.

Working with Kara Tierney, Christy Roberts ran into some problems with getting data on the newly-independent Republic of Kazakhstan. "My aunt brought me to the Smith College library and I used the computers at the Agawam Public Library to get information," Christy explained as she dished up servings of sharlotka, a dessert similar to apple crisp.

Dan Cizek found a way to connect family history to the history of American munitions manufacturing. Dan's project focused on the contribution made by his great-grandfather, Frank J. Cizek, to the design of the M-1 rifle at the Springfield Armory in World War II.

"He had just died and I knew he worked on the rifle in World War II," Dan said. In addition to posters and books dealing with American munitions, Dan displayed a photo of the engineers responsible for the M-1 rifle. "It was one of the most used rifles by the Americans during the war," Dan said.

Technical education teacher John Burns said he was amazed to learn that Dan's great-grandfather had worked with his own grandfather during the war.

Dressed in reproductions of Civil War soldiers, Shawn Sherry and Kate Anderson explained their display while a cassette played General Robert E. Lee's favorite martial songs.

Civil War Memorabilia

In addition to examples of authentic Civil War firearms, the students displayed an application to the Confederate Army for a pension for an indigent war widow, a quartermaster's requisition list of supplies from the U.S. Army, and remnants of Union and Confederate flags flown over Civil War battlefields.

Kate said the artifacts came from her grandfather's collection. "My whole family are Civil War buffs," Kate added.



FASHIONS OF THE 20TH CENTURY were presented by Sheree Cardin and Vanessa Galluzzo at the recent Social Studies Fair at the Agawam Junior High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Shawn explained how the pattern of wear on a 50 caliber Smith carbine indicated that the rifle had belonged to a Native American after the war. "The Indians held the rifle on the saddle in front of them and wore down the wooden portion of the rifle. A soldier held the gun on his shoulder with a strap."

Moving ahead about five decades into American history, Carolyn Clin and Jon Couture presided over a display on the 1920's.

Dressed as a flapper, Carolyn noted, "The shoes are uncomfortable, but the rest of the outfit is pretty cool."

Jon said they learned about prohibition and how the stock market crash of 1929 led to the Great Depression of the 1930's.

"Overall, I think life is better today than it was then," Jon stated. "People didn't have as much in the 20's."

Tracy Butler and Sarah Bonini caught the attention of fairgoers with a poster asking about the

secret of Quabbin (Reservoir) and then spent the evening explaining the secret was that four towns, Enfield, Dana, Prescott, and Greenwich, lie beneath its waters.

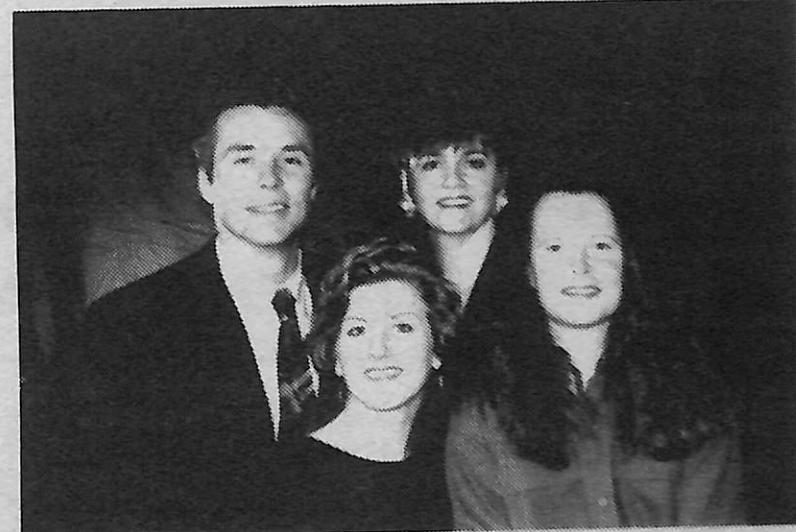
The girls constructed a model of the reservoir so accurate it shows the steeple of the Enfield Congregational Church sticking out of the water.

With a little help from his uncle, Michael Albro recreated the scene in Boston Harbor when the colonists protested unfair taxation by throwing a Tea Party. Michael constructed an authentic replica of a British sailing ship, a warehouse, and wharf and peopled his scene with figures of Native Americans playing the parts of the colonists tossing tiny crates of tea into the "water" (a realistic-looking mixture of silicone caulk and blue paint).

As Michael explained, not only was the 1773 protest unsuccessful, it led to more taxes being imposed and the closing of Boston Harbor by the British.

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According to Social Studies Chairman William Quinn, the fair allowed the students to use their creativity in ways not normally possible in the classroom setting and helped the students develop their research skills. Quinn said many of

the students wrote to the embassy of the country they were researching and received replies.

"Writing to the embassies was a good experience. The kids didn't even know they could write to an embassy and get a response," he noted.

Quinn said he was pleased with the enthusiasm

shown by both the students and the adults. "I've had many positive comments from the parents," he added.

The fair was so successful, Quinn said it was likely to be repeated next year on two nights, one for the seventh graders and one for the eighth graders.

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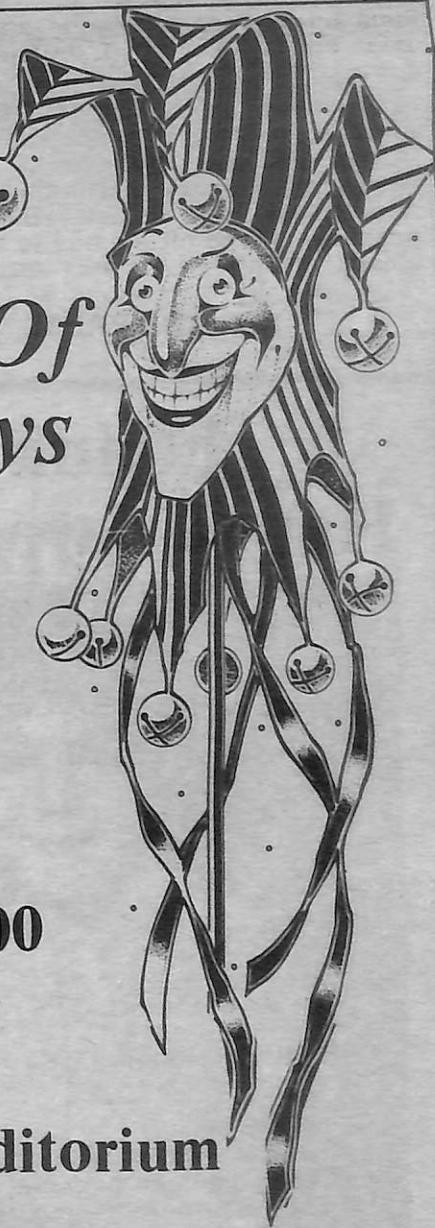
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"Winds Of Change" Sweeps Into Chez Josef For AHS Prom '94

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The "Winds of Change" swept into Chez Josef on Wednesday, April 20th as Agawam High School juniors, seniors, and their dates traded in their baseball caps, jeans, and sneakers for the tuxedos and boutonnieres, evening gowns, and upswept hair-styles that make the Prom such a memorable event.

The steady stream of arriving limousines met with an informal reception from a group of parents and friends armed with film, flash, and video ready to record the beginning of one of the most eagerly-awaited evenings of the school year.

Each year bus drivers Janet Beauvais and Sandra Wise join the "reception committee" to see the transformation of the students they have been driving to school for so many years. "We haven't seen some of the kids since they were small," Mrs. Beauvais said. "We love to do this."

Inside the grand ballroom, AHS Prom Advisor Geraldine Schilling Nordal checked on the last minute details as the staff placed bud vases filled with white roses on the tables and centerpieces of white carnations on the head table.

Decorated in the Prom theme colors chosen by the students, the 27 tables were covered in red tablecloths and the black napkins were folded into fans at each place setting. Each of the 278 Prom-goers received a souvenir key chain/photo holder designed by Genevieve Rose.

Math teacher David Pulaski, who has served as the Prom's photographer for more than 30 years, said he always enjoys seeing the kids all dressed up. Mrs. Schilling Nordal added that Pulaski always offers the students the best Prom photo package.

As the yearbook advisor, Pulaski hinted that there may be some connection between the theme of the Prom and the yearbook. Refusing to give any details, Pulaski merely smiled and said the yearbook would come out in May.

Area Limousine Services Kept Busy

Area limousine services were kept busy as most of the Prom-goers traveled in chauffeur-driven style in keeping with the elegance and sophistication of the evening. Departing from the traditional white or black limousine, Jen Cote and her friends arrived in the powder-blue bus named "On the Road Again." Driven by Jen's uncle, John Bielonko, the bus is his family's fun vehicle. "I hope they have a good time," Bielonko said as his passengers filed off the bus to the cheers of the crowd.

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THE RECEIVING LINE at Chez Josef for the Agawam High Prom '94. From left - Paul Cavallo, AHS Guidance chairman; Reidar Nordal and Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, Prom advisor; Steven Cournoyer and Sharon Kiddy, (junior class advisor); Jeff Corbin, (senior class advisor); Lisa Alves; Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Bernard Ryder; and Mayor & Mrs. Christopher C. Johnson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ALL SET FOR THE BIG NIGHT, from left - Andrew Robertson, Catherine Greene, Eric Jorgensen, Dina DiTomaso, Chancellor DiLuzio, Jen Goodfellow, Brian Crowley, Charity Doe, Matthew Felix, and Farah Lalli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



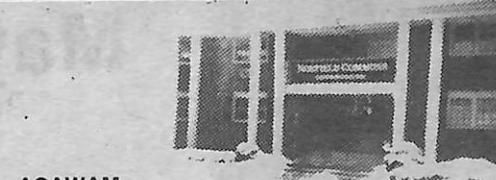
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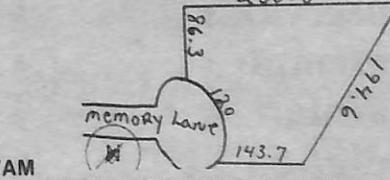
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AHS PROM '94 - from Page 36...

While most of the young men chose a black tux for the evening, U.S. Army Specialist Chancellor Diluzio wore his dress uniform to escort Jen Goodfellow to the Prom. Diluzio said he had taken the overnight red-eye flight from Fort Huachuca in Arizona to attend the Prom. Diluzio said he would be on leave until the beginning of May and would then report for duty in Korea.

In the elegant foyer, the students were greeted by their invited guests—Mayor and Mrs. Christopher Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Ryder, Mr. & Mrs. Reider Nordal, class advisors Jeff Corbin and Sharon Kiddy and their guests, and Guidance Department Chairman Paul Cavallo.

Crowned Prom king and queen, William Cavanaugh and Laurie Bresnahan each received gift certificates from the Holyoke Mall. Also receiving mall certificates were the members of their court - Erin Mercolino, Nicole Racicot, Tammy Leary, Yvonne Hodel, Michael Fisher, Mike Knodler, Dan Moriarty, and Ryan Nading.

Principal Attempts To Create Safe Evening

In an effort to help create a safe and enjoyable evening for the students, Principal Russell Furtado sought the support of the Agawam Police Department, local limousine services, and parents in heading off the possibility of alcohol use before or after the Prom. Students and parents were informed that anyone who had been drinking would not be admitted to the Prom and the parents would be called. Additionally, students leaving the building without a police escort would not be allowed to return.

Prior to the Prom, Students Against Driving Drunk distributed Prom Pledge Cards for students to sign promising not to drink or use drugs on Prom Night.

Brad Tilden Attends Great Lakes Regional Music Competition

From April 15th through 17th, Brad Tilden, an eighth grade student at Agawam Junior High and the son of Grace and Peter Tilden of Agawam, attended the Great Lakes Regional Music Competition in Novi, Michigan (sponsored by the American Guild of Music).

This competition is North America's largest music competition for all instruments, including bands, show bands, jazz ensembles, choirs, and solo vocalist.

A student of Ellen Buoniconti, Brad (who represented The Music Cellar of West Springfield) competed on the piano in four categories: "Test Piece," "Solo Evaluation," "Length of Study," and "Age Achievement." He placed in all four categories, receiving an "AAA" rating for his "Solo Evaluation" (the highest rating); a 96 score for "Outstanding" on his "Test Piece"; second place for "Length of Study"; and an "Outstanding" in "Age Achievement."

Over 1,500 students from all over North America competed in this contest, with about 800 of them competing in piano. A wonderful contest for talented young musicians, this year's event marked its 17th year of competition.

Placing in this contest allows Brad to compete in the Nationals, which will be held in Toronto, Canada, from July 21st through 24th. Congratulations, Brad!

Middle School PTO To Hold Election May 2nd

Just a reminder ... the Agawam Middle School PTO will hold its election of officers for the 1994-95 school year on Monday, May 2nd.

Nominations can be sent in to any elementary school office, to the Agawam Middle School PTO, or by calling Helen Manning (786-5768) or Donna Shibley (786-3888). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor until the actual election is held.

In addition to the election of officers, plans will be finalized for events for the rest of this school year. Committee assignments for next year will also be discussed.

If you are a fourth or fifth grade parent or guardian, please try to plan to attend this meeting.

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GETTING READY for a great night at Chez Josef for the AHS Prom '94 - from left - Bob Finck, Becky Auld, Matt Forastiere, Karla Zambelli, Jaime Rivera, and Jackie Snare. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THIS GANG WAS DRIVEN BY BUS to the Agawam High Prom - from left - Andrew Fleck, Jennifer Cote, Daniel Stevens, Natalie Creanza, Danny Barna, Holly Drobot, Dave Burden, Tara Marshall, Heather Frechette, and Tom Childs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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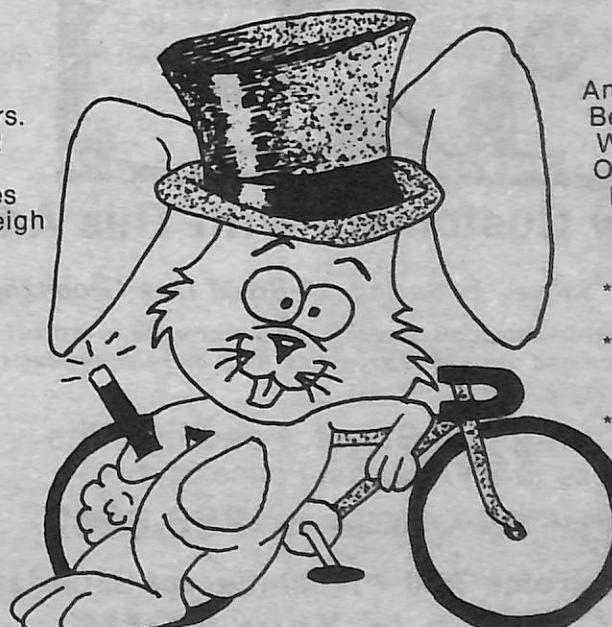
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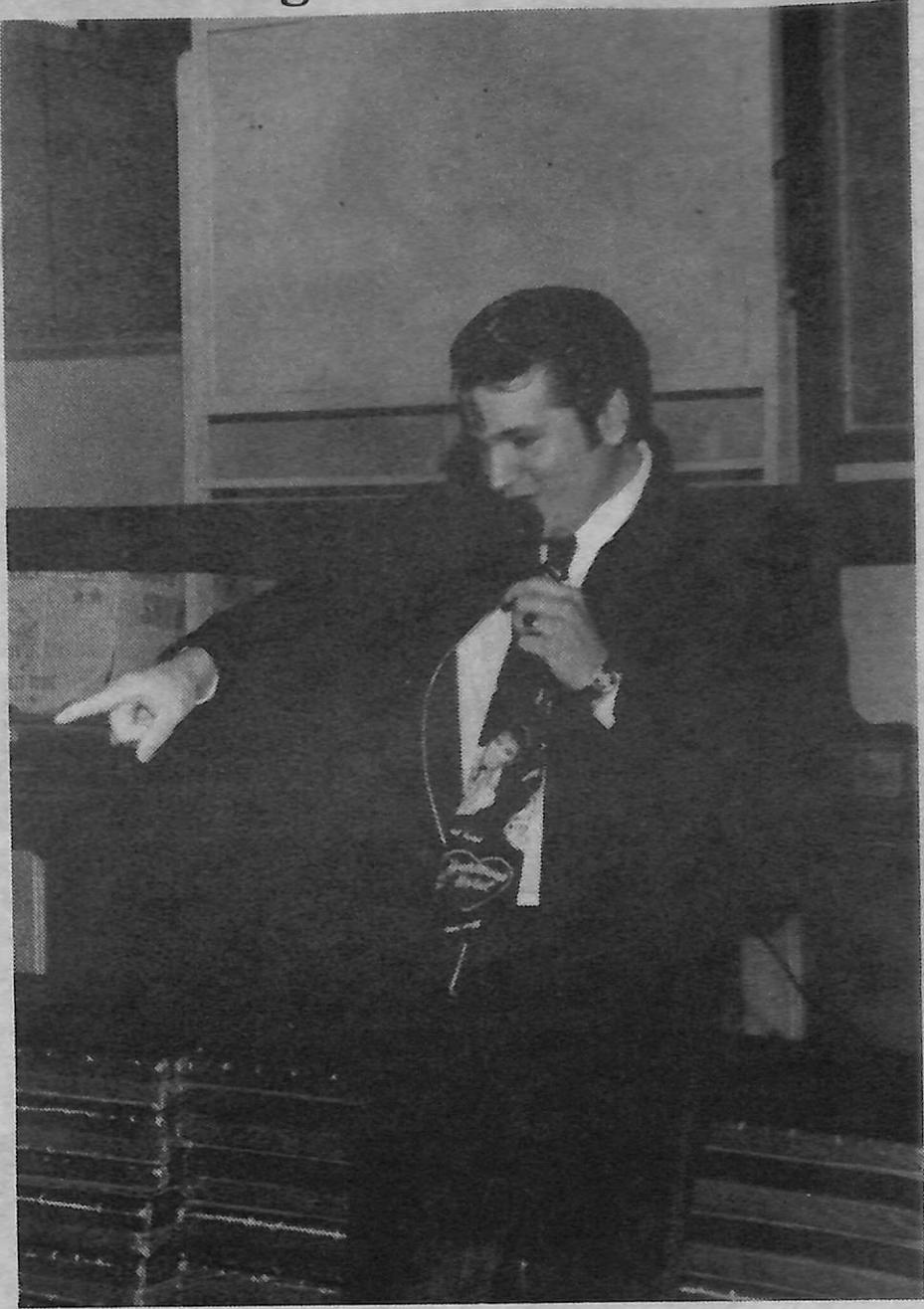
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Elvis Returns To Perform At Granger School



ONE OF THE AREA'S MOST POPULAR impersonators of Elvis, Ray Guillemette, Jr., of A-Ray Of Elvis, performed some of the King's favorite tunes for Granger School students on April 13th. Student Aimee Beaudette shows Elvis her look-a-like doll. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Youngsters From Children's School "Hops" For Easter Seals

Youngsters from Children's School, Feeding Hills, hopped to help people with disabilities on March 23rd, raising \$310 in an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING.

The children spent the previous week learning about disabilities—what causes them, how disabilities affect people's everyday lives, the equipment used to cope. After that, they were ready to help.

Each child secured pledges from family and friends for every hop performed during a three-minute HOP-N-ING. The funds raised help provide Easter Seal services for men, women, and children with disabilities.

Easter Seal services include summer camp, therapeutic swim programs, home health care, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, technology for in-

dependence, support groups for people recovering from strokes, and information and referral services.

Last year more than 18,000 children across Massachusetts learned about disabilities and hopped for Easter Seals, raising nearly \$250,000. The HOP-N-ING is sponsored by T J Maxx and Business Equipment Depot.

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Agawam High Readies Special Evening Of Comical 1-Act Plays

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam High School Theater students of Margo Poulin will present an evening of one act plays on Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Donation for the tickets will be \$4.

The audience can look forward to an evening filled with slapstick comedy and loaded with laughs, according to Mrs. Poulin. "This group just lends itself to comedy," Mrs. Poulin said of her students.

Crediting her students for their maturity and dedication, Mrs. Poulin said she has been able to rely on student directors to take over responsibility for this year's production. "This is the first time I've used student directors and it's been extremely successful," Mrs. Poulin said.

The evening will kick off with "The Ugly Duckling," directed by junior Paula VanderVliet. She described the play as being set in an average kingdom with a stuck-up queen and a "dufus" king.

The audience is in on the joke as the king and queen try to marry off their ugly daughter. "We've developed the characters around the personalities of the actors," Paula said. "We've tried to expand on one high point of their personalities."

To add to the confusion and fun, Mike Knodler will don roller skates to play the King. Mary-Lynn Scortino plays the Queen; Christine Olsen, Princess Camilla; Tiffany Maleshefski, Princess Dulcibilla; Bill Cavanaugh, the Chancellor; Joe Thomas; Carlo; and Dana Adams as Prince Simon.

"I think it's going to be very successful," Paula predicted.

Student director Todd Crevier will rely on slapstick comedy and a heavy dose of sarcasm to give a comedic bent to "Sorry Wrong Number." Here, a woman discovers that she is the target of a murder plot.

"It was originally written as a drama and we've rearranged it into a comedy," Todd said.



AGAWAM HIGH THEATRE STUDENTS will present a trio of one-act plays on Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m., in the school's auditorium. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

As a first time director, Todd said his biggest problem to solve is fitting in the many small characters to keep the play flowing smoothly.

Being friends with the cast has at times made his job as director a little harder, but on balance, Todd said it was a plus because the actors are comfortable with him and more willing to give their opinions.

According to Todd, the smaller characters make the situation funny. "It may sound somber, but they're doing an excellent job of taking it and making it funny."

The play features Laura Asta-Ferrero, Andrew Clark, Matt Bellico, Rob Settembro, and Yvonne Hodel.

Directed by senior Karen Easton, "This is a Test" is a theater of the absurd focusing on a classroom scene where students are taking a test and im-

possible things begin to occur.

Tiffany Maleshefski stars as Alix, an honor student who suddenly can't remember any of the test material. Mary-Lynn Scortino is her know-it-all friend and Mike Kisielewski is the teacher who has no clue as to what is going on. Rose Pignatari, Erin Wynne, and Aurelia Andreoli form the chorus.

According to its student director, the play is technical and relies more on action and emotion than on the lines. Karen said choreographing the action was a major part of her job.

"I think it will be the most enjoyed out of all the plays, just because of its subject matter," Karen added.

The announcers for the evening will be Jamie Lewis and Andrew Clark.

Another Babysitting Workshop Series Again At Agawam Library Beginning May 6th

Agawam and Feeding Hills students aged 10 and up are invited to participate in the library's annual Babysitting Workshop series.

Beginning May 6th, the course will be offered as four programs on consecutive Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the library Community Room.

Featuring video presentations and guest

speakers, the course will cover personal and child safety, fire emergency procedures, and creative ideas for entertaining small children.

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Agawam Schools' "What's Happening?" (April 30th - May 6th)

* May 2nd - Monday:

National Teacher Appreciation Week. Clark School - School Council Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Rm. 13.

* May 3rd - Tuesday:

Robinson Park School - 2nd grade field trip, UMass.

Phelps School - Grade 3, Rm. 20, Stor- rowton Field Trip.

Granger School - Teacher Appreciation Day.

Middle School

- Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast presented by PTO, 7:30 a.m.

- 5th Grade, Rms. 203/204 - InterAction Program with Heritage Hall residents.

High School - Collaborative Voc/Tech Open House in Chicopee, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

* May 4th - Wednesday:

Robinson Park School - 4th Grade, Rm. 15, Springfield Museum Field Trip.

Clark School - 4th Grade, Rm. 11, Springfield Museum Field Trip.

Granger School

- PTO Meeting and Elections, 7:30 p.m.

- A.C.E.S. Program presented by Fitness First, 10:00 (all children exercise simultaneously).

- Grade 1, Rms. 13, 17 - Presentation by Encore Theater, 1:30 p.m.

Phelps School - Grade 3, Rm. 16, Stor- rowton Field Trip.

* May 5th - Thursday:

Phelps School

- Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon, presented by PTO.

- "Dress-Up Day."

Robinson Park School - Teachers' Ap- preciation Luncheon, presented by PTO.

Junior High - Computer Lab, 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

High School

- PTSO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. - 8th grade students & parents welcome; election of officers.

- Performance of one-act plays, 7:30 p.m. (open to public).

* May 6th - Friday:

Progress Reports.

Phelps School - Kindergarten Registration.

Middle School - Junior Women's Club Town Spelling Bee, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

High School - All-Day Band Festival.

Tammy Moran On Dean's List At California State

Tammy Moran, a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, was placed on the Dean's List at California State University in North Ridge, California.

Tammy is a theater and music major. She performed in 12 major productions of *Sinbad the Evil Genie* in March 1993 to a sellout crowd. She is now performing at California State University in *Flame of Peace* with another 12 productions.

Tammy will also perform for area schools until the end of this semester. Tammy is a senior at California State and will be graduating. She is the daughter of Genevieve Chmielewski of Agawam.

Tammy lived at the center of the earthquake, but was fortunately at home on Christmas break. Her house was not damaged. Tammy described it as "a war zone," upon return.

Tammy said she heard a lot of horror stories from friends and co-eds. She had some classes in tents the first few months back. But things are coming back to normal now in North Ridge.

Best local news...

Serena Barber Working On Bay Path Project

Serena M. Barber, daughter of Richard and Alice Barber of Walnut Street, Agawam, is one of 32 Bay Path College interior design students who are transforming the former Young Estate, a 25-room mansion in Longmeadow, into a "Decorator Show House" that will benefit the local YWCA next month.

The students, under the direction of professor Sandra Burns, are the only college group to be assigned space within the mansion to decorate; the rest of the building and two acres of grounds are being done by commercial decorators and landscapers from throughout New England.

The Bay Path group is creating a "gentleman's study" featuring ocean liner memorabilia, as well as a Victorian nursery with hand-painted murals. Both rooms are on the second floor. They are also

readying two closet display spaces: one will contain a collection of family treasures, and the other will show the elegant ensembles and accessories of a woman of the Gatsby era.

"We are honored to have been chosen for this project," said Burns, who added that in addition to giving students an excellent hands-on learning experience in their field, they are benefiting the community by volunteering their time for this major fund-raising project.

A number of students will also serve as hostesses during the run of the event. The Decorator Show House, located at 734 Longmeadow Street in the center of town, will be open to the public May 3rd-22nd.

Barber, a graduate of Agawam High School, is a freshman at Bay Path.

Christine Impoco Inducted Into Honor Soc.

Christine Impoco, daughter of Joyce and Salvatore Impoco of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was named to Sigma Theta Tau national honor society at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Beta Zeta, the University's chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, recognizes the superior scholarship and leadership achievement of students in the

field of nursing. Selection is based on recommendations and a grade point average of 3.0 or above. Beta Zeta's activities include a journal publication, conferences, colloquia, and scholarships.

Impoco is a member of the Class of 1994 at the University. She graduated from Agawam High School in 1980.

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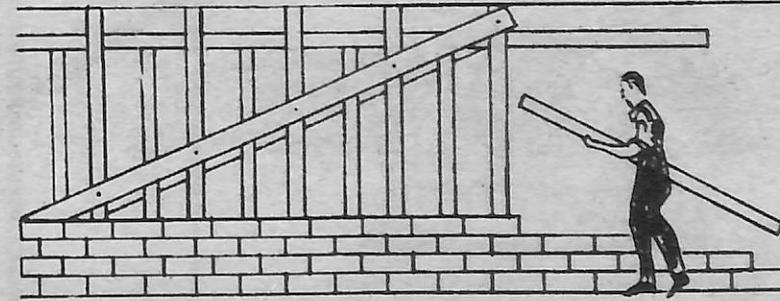
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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

What Are Advanced Placement Exams???

During the month of May, I will be administering Advanced Placement examinations to juniors and seniors. What is an Advanced Placement examination?

Most students who take their examination usually take a course which is labelled Advanced Placement. The course is focused on a college curriculum in a specific subject area. Teachers have been specially trained to teach such courses.

At the present time, we offer Advanced Placement classes in U.S. History, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, European History, English, and Calculus.

Upon completion of the course, students pay a fee to take the exam. It is administered during the school day and lasts three hours. One half of the test is objective; the other half is essay.

Students will receive the results of their endeavor in July. Advanced Placement tests are scored from 1-5 (five is the highest score and one is the lowest).



Agawam Girl Scout Gov't Awareness Day

During spring vacation, several Agawam Girl Scouts had the opportunity to participate in a Government Awareness Day coordinated by the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council. The girls were greeted in the morning at Town Hall by Mayor Johnson, who explained to them the responsibilities of the various town departments and answered all their questions.

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For example, if a student receives a 4 or 5 in an Advanced Placement test, there is a distinct possibility the participating college will give the student college credit, which could mean as many as eight semester hours.

Last year, a graduating senior received 14 semester hours based on the results of three A.P. tests. Most science courses like Physics, Chemistry, and Biology could result in eight semester hours of college credit.

UPCOMING EVENT: On Saturday, May 7th, juniors will be taking the SAT-I, which includes the new format of the SAT.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations! Jennifer Ferrara - New York Institute of Technology.

Kevin Willard - Clemson, UMASS.

Rose Pignatire - Springfield College.

Mark A. Curto Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship is available to local high school seniors who plan to pursue higher education on a full-time basis. The applicant should demonstrate a love for life, family, and friends and possess a competitive spirit. This award strives to recognize fellowship and effort more than a high level of academic achievement. Deadline: May 25th, 1994.

Western Mass Baseball Umpires Association Scholarship - This scholarship is available to students who participated in high school baseball in Western Mass. It will be awarded on the basis of citizenship, courage, leadership, and athletic achievement in high school baseball. Deadline: May 15th, 1994.

When asked why he became Mayor, the girls were very interested to learn he was born and raised in Agawam and had gone to the same school and had the same teachers as many of the girls. He said he just wanted to help make Agawam a better place for everyone who lives there.

Mayor Johnson graciously took time to escort the girls throughout Town Hall, where they had the chance to visit all the departments and ask questions.

They traveled to the Data Processing Department at the high school, where they discovered the extensive Agawam computer system and learned that's where high school report cards and warning notices originate from.

After a wonderful lunch at Friendly's, it was on to the Police Department for a tour of the facility and a look at the inside of a patrol car. They had the opportunity to "spin around" the dark room and check in at the fingerprint and I.D. room.

The girls learned a lot about how the Town of Agawam works, but more importantly they learned what a wonderful community they live in through the warm welcome they received throughout the day from town employees.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 2nd: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, seasoned carrots, dipping sauce, wheat bread and butter, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, May 3rd: Hamburg in roll, mustard, relish, catsup, steamed rice, seasoned green beans, chilled diced pears, milk.

Wednesday, May 4th: Rotini with hamburg and spaghetti sauce, garlic bread and butter, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and creamy Italian dressing, peach pudding cake, milk.

Thursday, May 5th: Diced white chicken meat with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned peas and carrots, bread and butter, blueberry cake with icing, milk.

Friday, May 6th: Oven-baked pork chopette, niblet corn, rosy apple sauce, bread and butter, pears in syrup or ice cream cup, milk.

(NOTE: Please purchase tickets on Monday for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)

Local Students Attain Dean's List Standing At Stonehill College

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1993 semester at Stonehill College:

High Honors:

Kimberly Macey, sophomore; Karen Patterson, senior.

Honors:

Kristina Galarneau, sophomore.

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GRANGER SCHOOL THIRD GRADER Kelly Curry was named the winner of the recent "Write-A-Classified Ad Contest" sponsored by *The Springfield Union-News*. From left - Phyllis Zuccalo, representing *The Union-News*; Kelly Curry, contest winner; Granger School Principal Phyllis Lewis and Marilyn Curry, Kelly's grandmother. *Advertiser News* photo by Jack Devine.

Granger School Third Grader Winner Of Classified Ad Contest By Union News

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Granger School third grader Kelly Curry recently won first prize in the "Write-A-Classified Ad Contest" sponsored by *The Springfield Union-News* as part of their Newspapers in Education Program.

As first place winner, Kelly received a \$100 savings bond for her classified ad selling a Barbie house "complete with furniture, outdoor swing, three rooms, and a spiral staircase that leads to an open patio on top."

Peg Hathaway, Kelly's teacher, said, "It was quite an honor. There were over 400 entries from 167 area schools."

Mrs. Hathaway explained that the contest was open to students in grades one through three. The children were asked to write an ad to sell a toy they no longer used.

To get her students ready for the contest, Mrs. Hathaway had the children study classified ads as part of their language arts class. "We studied the use of pronouns in classified ads and the use of adjectives to make it as descriptive as possible," Mrs. Hathaway noted.

Three Ads Per Class

As only three ads from a class could be submitted, Mrs. Hathaway called on members of her family to judge the ads and select the three entries. Mrs. Hathaway's husband, a professional writer, and her two sisters, who are also teachers, evaluated the ads for professionalism and chose Kelly's ad as well as ads by Kimberly Hoague and Michael Bachini for the contest.

Thrilled that one of her students won the contest, Mrs. Hathaway added, "I was so happy about the kindness expressed by the other children. It was all so positive."

After the contest, the school received galley pages from *The Union-News* for the students to use in creating their own newspapers. The students write news and sports stories as well as a VIP feature, a comic strip, and movie reviews.

Mrs. Hathaway said the students used newspaper articles as a source of information. "I was so pleased to find they had all their information correct. This was delightful. We enjoyed doing it and they enjoyed taking it home."

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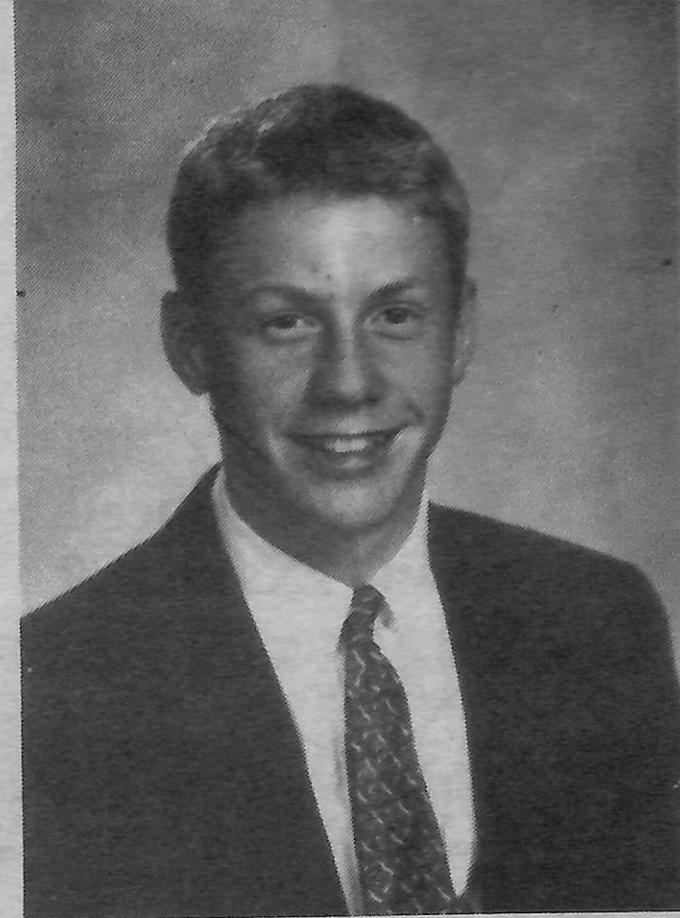
Convinced that writing is the key to success in later life, Mrs. Hathaway immerses her students in the writing process and encourages them to develop their own style. In addition to keeping a daily journal, the children have become pen pals with students from St. Mary's School in Longmeadow.

Not content with one contest winner in Room 6, Mrs. Hathaway has entered the Channel 40 "Education Matters Essay Contest" with the theme of what can be done to help children learn.

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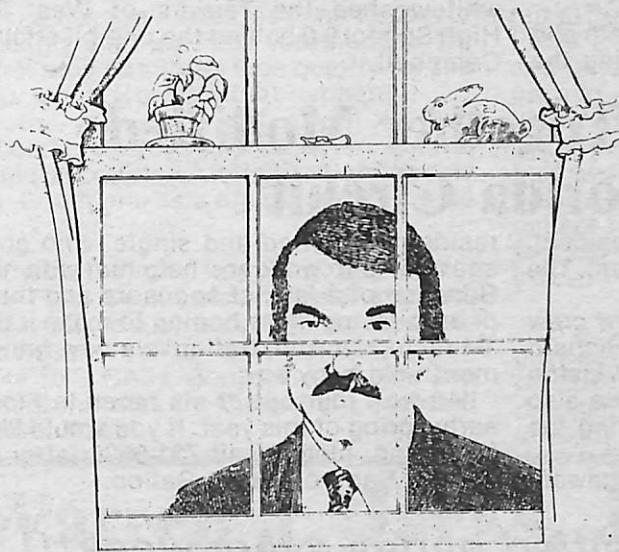
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EAST LONGMEADOW - from Page 44...

Klinakis singled to center leading off and O'Brien's sacrifice bunt was so good that it went for a single, too. A wild pitch moved both runners up, but Battista's grounder to third produced an out at the plate (Klinakis was out by plenty). It didn't hurt, however, as young Jay Peloquin belted a low line triple to left-center which put Agawam up 3-0. He would walk home seconds later on the inning's second wild pitch. Then, Domaingue walked, stole second, and flew home on Colby's second RBI single of the ballgame.

Jacobsen whipped through the fifth with a 1-2-3 frame and Agawam gave him even more run support with a deuce in the sixth. Jay Votzakis walked leading off and stole second. One out later, O'Brien's grounder to third was thrown away and Votzakis crossed easily for the 6-0 lead.

Later in the inning, pinch-hitter Joe Cecchetelli singled to left which could have scored a run, but O'Brien was called out at the plate despite a terrific slide. The Brownies got that run back as a throwing error occurred for a 7-0 lead.

East Longmeadow made it mighty interesting in their sixth. They even had the tying run on deck at one point. Two bleeder singles and another error by Jacobsen on the mound loaded the sacks with nobody out. O'Brien booted a tailor made doubleplay ball at short that allowed one run to score.

Jacobsen came back to whiff the next two hitters and then he walked in the Spartan's second run. The next hitter popped to Domaingue and the Brownies were out of it.

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After Slow Start, Brownie Girls Bomb Lancers, 14-3

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Brownies exploded offensively in the middle innings and that more than made up for the Keystone Kops routine that they pulled defensively in the first inning.

In the end, Coach Debbie Lickley and her undefeated Agawam High softball team had a rocking chair 14-3 win over the Lancers of Longmeadow High on a cold and windy Friday afternoon in Agawam.

Senior Cyndi Stone was on the mound for her third time this season and she and her teammates hurt themselves with some poor throws and some terrible luck in the top half of the first inning.

Becky Wing scooped the first ball of the inning at third base, but threw the ball away giving the Lancers an early baserunner. After a stolen base and a wonderful third strike changeup from Stone, the Lancers' third hitter watched the runner go to third on a high wild pitch. Standing on third, it appeared the rally would go by the boards when the ball was dribbled out in front of the plate.

Stone got off the mound and executed perfectly—she held the runner and then threw to Chris Bousquet at first. The ball was up the line and into the runner and as the batter/runner arrived almost simultaneously, the ball was batted out of Bousquet's glove and into deep right-center! Both kids scored easily and Longmeadow had a 2-0 edge.

A booming triple to the gap in left-center was followed by another strikeout, but a clutch two out infield single gave Longmeadow its third run of the frame.

Schmaelzle Steal Closes The Gap

Courtne Hyland walked opening the first and then winged her way to third on Becky Wing's sacrifice bunt. Bousquet plated Hyland with a sacrifice fly to left. Junior Kristen Schmaelzle reached on a shortstop throwing error. Stone came through with an infield hit off the third baseman's chest. Schmaelzle occupied the third baseman as Stone alertly took second. When the throw went to the bag in an attempt to get Stone, Schmaelzle stole the run that brought the deficit to 3-2.

Stone survived two one out singles in the second and a lead walk in the third as the game remained 3-2 in favor of Longmeadow. Agawam got its raps in the third. That's when the game turned around for good.

Wing, Bousquet, and Schmaelzle started things with singles that loaded the sacks. Stone ripped a two-run single to center to give Agawam its first lead. April Rapa moved both runners up a bag with a roller to short and Kate Vivenzio came through with a sacrifice fly to center. Once again, the alert and bright Brownies stole another run as Stone fiddled and diddled her way to the plate when Longmeadow's defense let down after Schmaelzle had crossed. It was 6-3.

A walk, a wild pitch, and a single had Stone in a bit of trouble in the fourth, but Wing and Stephanie Biza both made plays on the infield to keep the Lancers off the board in that inning.

Agawam almost victimized itself from scoring further in the fourth as Biza got faked out coming in from third and she was out trying to get back to the bag. Schmaelzle bailed out her teammates with another big hit as she drilled a two run single to left and the Brownies got another gift when Stone rolled out, but was safe on a dropped throw at first as Schmaelzle crossed the plate again. It was 9-3 after four.

That margin went to 13-3 in the fifth when Hyland's flyball to left was misplayed for a four base error that allowed three runs to cross. Bousquet drilled a homer up the gap in left-center for the fourth run in the fifth and the laugher was beginning to take shape.

Vivenzio, Kate LaBreck, and Melissa Troie each singled to open the sixth, yet only one run crossed as Hyland drove that tally home with a fielder's choice. A popup and fielder's choice ended that threat.

Longmeadow went weakly and quietly in its seventh.

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Agawam High Track Helped By Class Of '94



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High School varsity girls' track team, from left - Erin Pettazzoni, Beth Fleury, Dyan Deluce, Nicole DeCosmo, Rose Pignatone, and Nina Giordano. SEE RELATED PHOTO AND STORY IN THIS SECTION. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

SOUTH HADLEY - from Page 44...

He took a high outside fastball and climbed all over it. The ball sailed and sliced its way to deep rightfield. By the time the rightfielder retrieved it, Peloquin had long since crossed the plate and Pisano was chugging around second and heading towards third.

Jeff Campbell immediately slapped an off-field RBI single to left to put the Brownies ahead. But better things were still to follow.

Unable to solve Goddu for five innings, the Brownies weren't about to let him off the hook. Colby did the mash thing as he drilled one up the alley in right-center for another RBI three-bagger, and Klinakis' chopper to second eluded the second sacker as Colby trotted in. It was 4-1 Brownies, and the fairly decent fan support system was clapping loudly and with appreciation.

Anderson looked to be sharp in the seventh and then the roof almost caved in. After getting the

lead man, he whiffed batter number two, but the ball was in the dirt and the kid reached first on the play. A foul out to Battista at third gave Anderson the big second out of the inning.

He then wobbled momentarily as he allowed a single to right and an RBI single up the middle. Suddenly it was 4-2. And guess what? Senor Popeye Duscharme was back at the plate wiggling the wand in eager anticipation. He represented the go-ahead run!

And he almost never got to swing that bat. Anderson (pitching carefully) went to 3-0 and Duscharme never looked more dangerous. He took a mighty rip at the pitch and hit a comebacker to Anderson. Brian's toss to Campbell at first was on the money.

And the Brownies have been standing at the pay window all season long... ***

Agawam's trip to West Springfield was a pleasant one last Friday afternoon, as the Brownies whitewashed the Terriers of West Springfield High School 6-0 behind the one-hit pitching of Jeff Campbell.

Richie Gallop Puts Together Modified Racing Team On Florida Circuit

Richie Gallop, a long-time Agawam resident, has put together a new modified racing team. The owner is from Cape Coral, Florida.

Gallop also has Barry Kiehn as his new crew chief. Kiehn formerly worked on Richard Childress' car, Number 3, which was a Winston Cup car and now a Dale Earnhardt car. He also helped Jeff Bodini (Winston Cup Car) during the year he had 54 victories.

Most of Gallop's crew consists of Agawam

residents, married and single, who give up their spare time to work and help him with his new car. Because of a lack of sponsors and the high cost of auto racing, he is hoping to make it through the '94 racing season. Gallop is a new father of a one month-old baby boy.

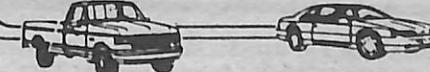
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MEMBERS OF THE 1994 Agawam High School varsity girls' track team. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Track Teams...

Peterson Gets First Track Victory For AHS; Vec's Girls Still Searching For First

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Jeff Peterson picked himself up his first-ever varsity track coaching win when his Agawam High boys' track team upended West Springfield 85-55 on Monday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field.

The young coach is really impressed thus far with his charges (1-1 following the win): "I am having a great time with these kids. Do you realize that we had 12 people qualify for individuals, and seven of them had times good enough to go to Western Mass? In our first meet!" Yes, Coach, I agree with you ... that's mighty impressive in Week One.

Consider that those marks were done against Cathedral in the season's first test; the Panthers did win it, though, with an 86-59 verdict. Incidentally, Cathedral only had three kids qualify for the Western Mass meet. How did that happen?

Simple math—you can't get swept in five events and lose both relays and expect to win the meet. "We had a couple kids injured and a few kids missing. Depth makes a big difference," said the enthusiastic Peterson.

Mike Ryan won the long jump that day with a leap of 19'1". Todd Boskiewicz hopped, skipped, and jumped his way to a winning 39'9" in the triple jump. Jason Rossi won the shot put with a personal best 44'10". Chris Benjamin got the top prize in the high hurdles in 17.5 (which qualified him for Western Mass).

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Other winners against the Panthers were Dan Moriarty in the 400 (54.6) and Brandon Moore blazed to a win in the 800 (2:15).

It was a different story against the West Siders. Getting Ryan Willett back to get some points in the distance runs was a big help. He had been sidelined against Cathedral, causing a big point swing in that meet. He ran second in both the one- and two-mile runs against the Terriers. He ran four times around in 5:20 and then did the two-mile gig in 11:56.

Ryan won the long jump again and Boskiewicz repeated his winning performance in the triple. Joey Scherpa won the pole vault and finished second behind teammate Derek Poole in the high jump. Peterson was amazed at the performance of Poole (who was jumping for the very first time), and Derek got all the way to 5'10" to win it. Scherpa and Moriarty placed second and third with heights of 5'2".

Moriarty won the quarter and Moore won the half again as the two stalwarts continue to impress their coach with their hard work and excellent talent. Joe Bianca strongmanned his way to a 120'1" toss of the discus, which gave him first place.

The Agawam High girls have struggled out of the gate as they dropped their second straight

meet on Monday in West Springfield. The Terriers dominated from start to finish with a 93-43 triumph.

"We are scuffling here," said Coach Dean Vecchiarelli. "We're just not completely healthy yet. We are getting some kids out here working hard, and that will pay off for them as they continue to improve their times and distances."

Dyan DeLuce won the discus with a throw of 83'2", and Sue Defilipi once again won the high jump at 4'8". She also ran the 800 and placed second.

One of the meet's top moments came when the 4 x 400 relay team picked up an exciting victory. Defilipi had to make up a 10-to-15-yard deficit on the final leg, and she was able to win in the end as the team saluted her.

The Brownies won the other relay, too. In the 4 x 100, Nina Giordano, Kara McDade, Nicole DeCosmo, and Erica Schlaffer comprised the quartet that got the job done in that one.

"We had another bright spot, too," said Vecchiarelli. "Jamie Thomas, a sophomore, got second in the shot and third in the discus. She is going to be a real good one for us. A nice performance for her."

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The top six gymnasts in Class I, II, and III in the Regional Competition will now compete in the Junior Olympic National Championships to be held in Augusta, Georgia, from May 5th through 8th.

In Class I (16-18), **Joe Martelli** placed second all-around by placing first on the individual events of vault, rings, and parallel bars. **Tim Wheeler** had a second-place finish on the floor exercise and placed fourth all-around.

Class II (14-15) gymnast **Andrew Leis** placed third in the all-around with second-place finishes on the rings and pommel horse.

In Class III (12-13), **John Szymczyk** was the all-around champion, placing first on parallel bars and second on pommel horse. **Darren Morace** finished second all-around, placing first on the individual events of pommel horse and high bar. **Ali Eslami** took third-place all-around honors by placing first on rings and vault. **Kevin Suffriti** placed fifth all-around with a second-place finish on floor.

Class IV (10-11) gymnast **Patrick McFarlin** took first-place all-around honors, placing first in all the individual events—floor, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, and high bar.

Kyle Roissing, Class V (14-15), placed third in the all-around category. For Class V (12-13), **Matt Perry** took the top all-around honors, placing first in the individual events of pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, and high bar. **Josh Venn** placed 13th overall with a second finish on rings. **John Abatte**, Class V (10-11), placed fifth all-around, with **Mark Hynes** and **Kiajan Baskerville** taking 12th and 13th place, respectively.

The gymnasts are coached by former Olympic gold medalist Tim Daggett and Igor Vernyi, former coach of World and Olympic Champions from the Soviet Union.

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How Good Players Approach A Shot...

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Don't Forget Your Preshot Routine

One of the biggest differences between good players and higher handicappers is in the way they approach playing a shot.

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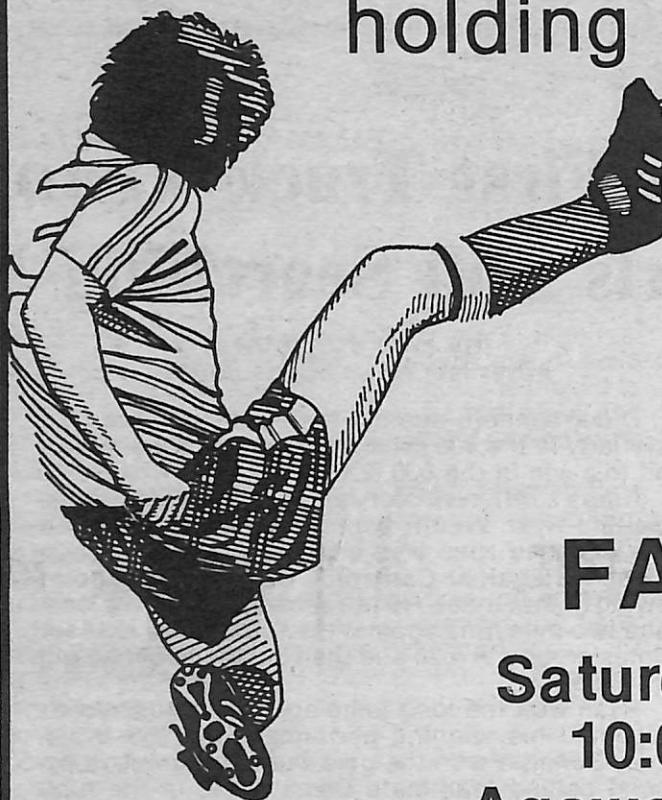
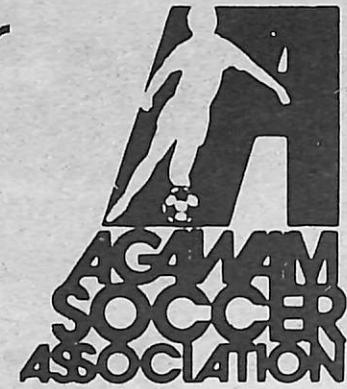
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Too often amateurs make the mistake of taking their stance and then putting the clubhead behind the ball, which often leads to shots that are missed because they are misaimed. After I've taken my stance, I always take two waggles and then hit it. No more, no less.

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AHS Tennis Teams Remain Top WMass Contenders

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When the kids go on spring vacation at Agawam High, it generally doesn't give the athletic teams a break at all. Softball and baseball games are moved up to 11:00 in the morning or 1:00 in the afternoon, and track meets are moved ahead on the clock, too.

But those laid-back tennis teams take a complete break. Not one meet was scheduled for either the AHS boys' or girls' team.

One had to wonder if the rustiness would affect the Agawam teams which had come out of the chute breathing fire this April. No problem. On Monday afternoon, the girls traveled to Chicopee Comp and smashed their way to a 5-0 victory which raised their record to 4-1 on the year.

The boys held the fort at AHS as they entertained the Colts and drilled them by a 4-1 margin to keep themselves undefeated at 5-0 in the process.

Yvonne Hodel maintained her strong area presence as she beat her opponent 6-0, 6-1 at number-one singles. Joana Monteiro-Grillo had no problem either with a 6-1, 6-1 drubbing at second singles, and Kirsten Decoteau stepped in for a vacationing teammate and whisked her way to a 6-4, 6-3 verdict at third singles.

In doubles action, the Brownies held all the cards with Alison Jean and Brenda Borkosky roaring to a 6-0, 6-1 victory at first doubles, and Lisa Savioli and Celeste Arraztoa swept through at love at second doubles.

All the Agawam singles players picked up wins for the boys, too, as Matt Bellico kept up his fine play with a 6-3, 6-0 win at first singles. Rob Settembro (6-4, 6-2) and Marc Swikalus (6-3, 4-6, 6-3) got past their foes at second and third singles, respectively.

Xuan Ly and Martin Asp had a rocking 6-2, 6-2 win at first doubles. The only Brownie loss of the day came at second doubles where Rich Gosselin and Tim LeDoux couldn't find the range as they fell 0-6, 4-6.

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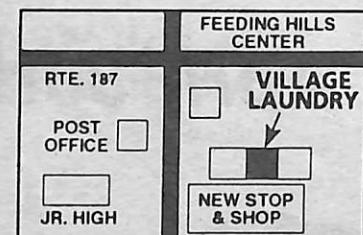


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Bob Johnson On Sports...

It's A Tough Day When Rush Limbaugh Nixes Red Sox

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

These Red Sox are doing it in a lot of ways so far this year. Consider the series versus Oakland at Fenway last week.

Coming off two big losses to Chicago, the Sox had to face a scorching hot A's team for three days. On Tuesday afternoon, Boston clobbers six homers and wins in a rout. As any good Sox fan knows, the wish was that they could have saved a few of those 13 runs. (In KC, the week before, Boston won 22-11 and came back the next night to go down 2-1.)

And the offense essentially did take the next day off as they were completely shut down for six innings by a young rookie phenom. But this year's team still has Roger Clemens and the proud right-hander stood toe-to-toe and won a 2-0 battle as he whiffed 10 along the way. The Sox manufactured their first run and then got a screen job from the shortstop Valentin and the record was 9-5 and they were keeping pace with those talented rivals from Toronto.

Last Thursday, a matinee get away day game was set for a 1:05 start and all of us NES subscribers cringed that we would have to miss a game while the team was going so well.

I was happy about the early start. Thursday's generally find me cooped up in my van most of the day and I really enjoy listening to a game on the radio. I generally pass the time with Mike and the Mad Dog on WFAN in New York, but my intentions were to listen to Joe Castinglione and Jerry Trubiano on WHYN Radio.

I found myself counting down the minutes until the game would begin. I thought about Dan Yorke momentarily and realized that he would be able to stay out on the golf course a little longer than usual because his normal 3:00 p.m. show starting time would be pushed back at least an hour or two. Springfield Mayor Markel would get a

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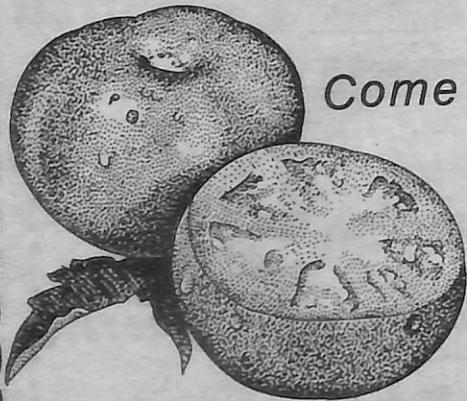
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rerieve from his daily tongue lashing at the hands of Yorke.

More importantly, I and thousands of others would be listening to the game while performing our daily chores.

Frustration Sets In

That's when the maddening frustration began. I tuned in AM 560 on the dial and heard Rush Limbaugh blowing his big bag of wind. It was 1:05! Where are the Sox? Now, we sit just 90 miles west of Boston and the sun was shining brightly here. There was no way that it was raining in the Hub, certainly not raining hard enough to delay a baseball game.

For a split second, President Nixon's failing health passed through my mind. Is it possible that he had died and that they postponed the game in his honor. Not likely, but a slim possibility.

Why would a radio station irritate that many people? Their own promo states that they will carry ALL Red Sox games live all season long...

So is it a muscle tussle with Rush? Are there 51 Rush fans for every 49 Sox fans? I doubt it, but I do know that a lot of people listen to Rush. But Rush has been pushed back several times already this season.

St. Mary's Takes Bath But Still Maintains

With time quickly running out in Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, St. Mary continues to lead the pack with 27 wins. However, St. Mary's took it on the chin vs. 6th place Georgetown (16 wins), thereby giving second place St. Michael (23 wins) a glimmer of hope.

G-Town upset the high-flying St. Mary's team, three wins to one. G-Town winners were leadoff BILL ALDRICH (in a sub role, 283) and Captain DEBBIE POIRIER (338). Debbie had it all her way in the duel vs. St. Mary's Captain RICK SHEEHAN (305). Debbie is the top women's roller at 103.58 while Sheehan is second in Men's AA at 105.68.

The two St. Mary's winners were second roller TERRY HILL (279-277 over DOT DREWAINY) and TERRY CERPOVICZ (275). Terry Hill continues to be second in Women's B at 91.19, while Aldrich rolls at 80.31 in his sub role.

Despite a low-scoring match, St. Michael picked up some badly needed ground on St. Mary by defeating third place St. Louis (21½ wins). St. Mike's winners were VENETTA SNYDER (255-250 over TINA FRAPPIER), TERRI OUELETTE (276),

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The answer is probably that the station is bound contractually to carry Rush at the prescribed time due to advertising commitments. It is a sad fact of business life that the radio medium (which can be so flexible so often) has to sometimes stunt its own creativity for the sake of the almighty dollar.

No problem—I'll switch to 1080 and listen to WTIC. Same announcers, same game. NOPE! The man with the "formerly nicotined stained fingers" was on there ripping and rapping Hillary and Bill and espousing his views on Rodney King's \$3.8 million jury award.

So there I was, just like the old days, tweaking and tweaking until I came across one of my other former stations—1250 WARE in Ware. Where? Yes, Ware. The problem is that the station is very, very weak in this area and by the time the Sox fell down 5-0, my head was aching with a dull pain that can only come from listening to three bursts of static for every five words of action. It was murder.

I even stopped and had a friend with a COM-

MAND VOICE call the radio station to read them the riot act. The Newsroom staffer that took his call would have none of it and referred my buddy to the switchboard. C'est la vie.

Bonus Time

But Thursday did lend itself to a little bonus time. A little dinner out with some friends precluded me from hearing the score and when I tuned in the FAN to get the score, I was unable to get it because the Rangers-Islanders pre-game was on.

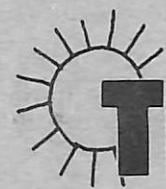
I watched the Bruins that night (figuring that the Sox had lost) and occasionally I would tune in the NESN replay to see how it was going. It happened to be that the Bruins were in the second intermission when I saw the Sox rally back with four runs in the sixth to get back into the game.

Even better, I was just dozing off when I heard Tim Naehring lace that single that started the two run game winning rally off the Eck. Wonderful stuff. An Andre Dawson double up the gap in right-center and an Otis Nixon line-hugging RBI single to win it.

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and PAUL LAGODITZ (286). In a rather dubious affair, St. Lou Captain SCOTT MASSOIA drubbed St. Mike's Captain TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS, 298-257. Both guys were below par in this one. Massoia leads the Men's A at 106.15 and Curtis is behind Massoia at 97.34.

Venetta Snyder is fourth in Women's B at 89.27, while Terri Ouellette is right behind at 88.72. Lagoditz is third in Men's C at 89.78.

In a hotly-contested match where both teams rolled very well, fourth place St. Anselm (21 points) faced eighth place Boston College (13 wins). St. A's winners were STEVE BONESTEEL (337, big night for Steve), JOHN REILLY (in a sub role, 317), and back-in-business LOU MULDREW (341). Lou soundly defeated BC Captain JOHN MLINEK (304). The only winner for BC was STELLA BARBIERI (256-252 over reliable AUDREY PHILLIPS). John Loncrini rolled well in a losing effort for BC, hitting a 315 (vs. Mr. Bonesteel).

On the stat sheet, Bonesteel is second in Men's B at 98.60, while Reilly is at 105.17 in his sub role. Muldrew is fourth in Men's AA at 105.5, while Mlinek is third in Men's A at 95.71. Stella Barbieri is second in Women's C at 87.17.

It was a memorable match when Notre Dame (5th place/18½ wins) faced last place Fordham (12 wins). That's because the top men's roller, AL MORRISON, locked horns against his closest opponent, OLLIE MULDREW, in the battle of the captains. When the smoke cleared, Morrison launched a 375 while Muldrew stuck right in there with a great 370. Morrison leads everyone with a lofty average of 120.4, while Muldrew is the Men's AA leader at 108.52.

The other ND winner was GLEN ADAMS (278, leader in Men's B at 99.12). Fordham had two winners, leadoff LU MORRISON (220) and second roller RENEE JURY (285). Lu is third in Women's D at 75.24, while Renee continues to lead the Women's B at 93.24.

In the final match of the night, seventh place Catholic University (16 wins) met ninth place Holy Cross (12 wins). CU winners were leadoff MARY THOMAS (286) and Captain JIM SNYDER, who really made up for several sub-par weeks with his 364. Snyder overwhelmed HC Captain LARRY VIENS, who finally had a decent week after several bad ones (311). The two winners for HC were second roller GUS FRAPPIER (252) and third roller DON STITT (299).

Snyder is now in third place in the Men's AA at 105.64 (just inches away from Ric Sheehan, who is in second). Viens is in fifth place in Men's AA at 99.7 and would really like to hit that 100 mark. Mary Thomas is third in Women's A at 92.22, while Frappier is sixth in Men's C at 84.2. Stitt sits at the top of Men's C at 94.47.

Sports A La Carte...

Football Draft Is A Crap Shoot!!!

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Kudos go out this week to SCOTT COEN of WHYN Radio in Springfield. He essentially stole my thunder while conducting an interview with CARLO IMELIO of Springfield's *Union-News* last Monday night.

Coen swallowed his pride and asked the football writer how many of the draft picks that were selected in the NFL draft were known to the average sports fan.

I had already planned to mention that I knew less than 20 percent of the guys in the first round! And I have been in this business for over 15 years and watch football (college and professional) on a more-than-regular basis!

Imelio even took a step back and offered that he barely heard of some of them either, and essentially got his information when the coaching staff came into press conferences to give a profile of the selected player.

There is more than a little bit of science, sweat, and effort that goes into that drafting exercise. It's a computerized crap shoot...

Can you imagine DR. BOBBY BROWN (American League baseball prez) in his office recently?

First, he played a little solitaire; then some wastebasket hoops; maybe a game or two of playing rockets with his pencils; a couple of paper airplanes; he watched his Barney Christmas tape; and sang "99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall."

He then settled down to some real baseball work when he issued the edict that restricted the activity regarding ambidexterous pitchers. The good Doctor Brown doesn't want to ever see a game where a pitcher (such as GREG HARRIS of the Red Sox) would come at hitters from both sides of the plate.

The problem is that I figure that 90% of the fans would love to see that novelty in action. Baseball is going well, despite the presence of dinosaurs such as the very bored Mr. Brown in the big offices...

Back to the NFL—BILL PARCELLS didn't surprise many people when he offered the fact that he "coveted" MARION BUTTS for a good long while. The beefy backfielder is going to be a big hit in New England.

Personally, I think the Pats would have done even a bit better if the acquisition would have been CHRISTIAN OKOYE. Either way, both of those hombres would be one tough customer to

tackle on a frigid December afternoon in Foxboro...

BOBBY JONES, the youngster who is turning many heads in the Mets rotation, had a very good game against the Giants on the West Coast recently. He had 38 pitches in the first inning (which say him fill the bases due to wildness).

He escaped and ultimately would throw eight shutout innings in a Mets win. In that game, Jones threw just 38 pitches total in innings fourth through eight...

I guess golfer JOHN DALY figures that if the golf game doesn't get him the headlines, then fashion statements will. The game's longest hitter now has the tour's shortest hair. Many of you have probably seen his new hairdo—the shaved head...

Remarkable to think about—the Royals recently had a streak of 151 straight games where they did not surrender a ninth-inning lead. It was broken by the Indians last week...

Give the Celtics loads of credit for that gut check victory against Chicago last Friday night at the Stadium.

Everybody nationally poo-pooed the Bulls because they had the playoff homecourt advantage riding in the balance, but it was DEE BROWN, RICK FOX, EDDIE PINCKNEY, and ROBERT PARISH playing for pride—and they came through with a thrilling victory that will not be forgotten once during the long summer that follows a campaign that saw Boston come through with only 32 regular season wins...

Oh, that BILLY HATCHER is a sneaky fellow, isn't he? What makes you feel better than watching a Red Soxer convert a straight steal of home?...

I did not see the fight between MICHAEL MOORER and EVANDER HOLYFIELD. Frankly, it only crossed my mind a couple times—I simply wasn't that interested.

I will say this, though; Moorer was as polite and eloquent at the post-fight press conference as anybody that I have seen in those ranks in a while. Holyfield was always gracious and accommodating, but he had a little difficulty putting sentences together. (Now, his "stiff" heart [courtesy of a non-life-threatening heart condition] will take him away from the sport for good.)

Moorer had no such problem. He was almost meek in the post-fight banter, and he showed me some poise for a young fellow...

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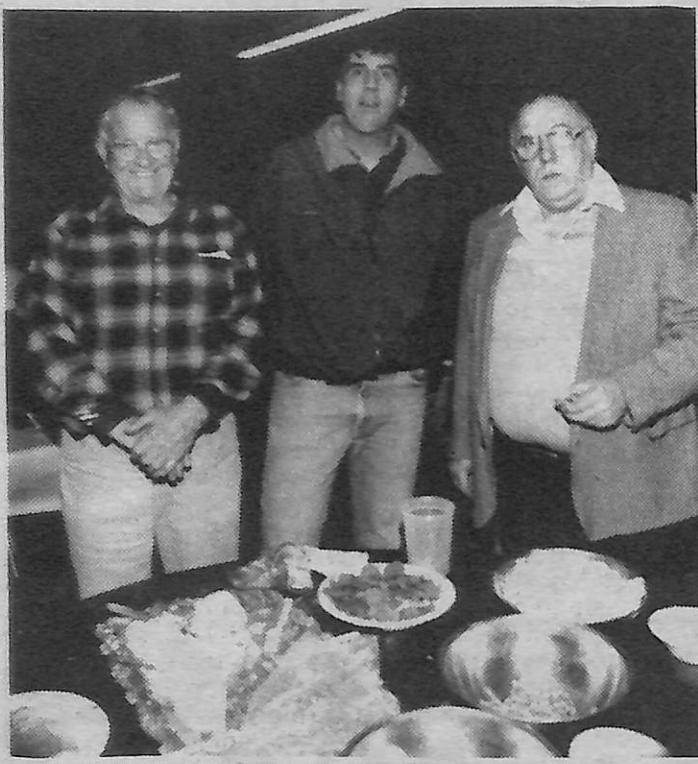
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ENJOYING SOME SNACKS at the Mawaga Sporting Club are, from left - Woody Roberts, Rick VanHeusen, and Frank Gamelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE GUYS AT THE MAWAGA CLUB held a get-together recently to enjoy dinner and discuss the upcoming spring and summer season. TOP PHOTO, from left - Woody Roberts, Bill Parent, Donald Hanna, Jr., and Terry Letellier. BOTTOM PHOTO - Richard Wilson, treasurer; Terry Letellier, vice-president; James Gamelli, recording secretary; and Wayne Harrington, president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ben Dodge's Radio Show Gets Permanent Time Slot On WNNZ

Ben Dodge's award-winning Raceweek Radio-Motorsports program on 50,000-watt WNNZ-640 AM (Westfield, MA) has continued to grow. The one-hour call-in Motorsports talk program has been the number-one sports program associated with NASCAR auto racing for the past three years.

Dodge, through Start/Finish Communication, has logged over 300 one-hour programs. And now, because of a recent survey, the popular Monday night program has moved to a brand new time slot as its "permanent home" on WNNZ-640 AM; the new permanent time will be on Monday nights following the 6:00 WNNZ news until 7:00 p.m.

Raceweek Radio is still somewhat unique with its 1-800 call-in number and now its new star 640 Metro-Mobile "free call" cellular-phone service (when in Western Mass or Central Connecticut). The show opens at 6:00 p.m. with racing results, followed by a national or local guest for the live call-in format.

Raceweek also offers a sample of free ticket giveaways to promotional gifts from sponsors. Because of the 1-800 format, the program attracts listeners from all over New England.

The listening area for the Monday show at 6:00 p.m. includes Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Southern Maine. With 50,000 watts at 6:00 p.m. during the summer months, the reach is amazing.



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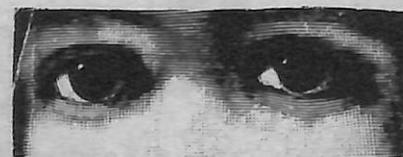
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Riverside Park Speedway will host its first five-division special (better known as the "May Day Fantastic") on Saturday, April 30th. With over 150 cars, this event will mark the first time this season that all five NASCAR divisions have been assembled; the NASCAR Tour Type Modifieds will be joined by the Pro Stocks, Late Models, Strictly Stocks, and the first appearance of the Pro 4 Modified division.

Pro 4 Modified veteran Renee Dupuis is among the regulars that will be considered the toughest to beat. Still, it is a pair of crafty veterans—George Savary and Joe Lemay—who will give the talented female driver a run for the money.

Mike Casey will be impressive with one win, along with Paul Lamonica, George Buc, Doc Marcinec, Mike Petrizzi, George Ruff, Ken Hurt, Ron D'Alessandro, and Dave Lessard. The Pro 4 Modified division is a scaled-down Modified Tour Type car which has a four-cylinder engine and weighs in about 1,500 pounds. The Cavalier-style cars run as fast through the turns as down the straightaways.

Modified Tour Type racing at Riverside is best described in one word—"competitive." No one

Marty Radewick Dominates Modifieds At Riverside Speedway

On Saturday, April 23rd, the Budweiser Modified Tour type special at Riverside Park Speedway was witnessed by 5,219 NASCAR Winston Race fans. Starting in the fourth spot was Marty Radewick's Big Red Machine (which is not stranger to the quarter-mile track in Agawam, yet hasn't seen victory lane since 1987).

On lap number six, Radewick took the lead from Dunk Rudolf. While Radewick looked so smooth in the upper groove, Tom Crevenho was being challenged by Brian Schofield up front. Just into the top 10 was another battle with heavy contact between Steve Park, Chris Kopec, Dan Avery, and Stan Greger.

On lap eight, Avery spun in turn two and did not pit. As the field regrouped, Savary pitted and the restart showed Radewick as the leader. On lap 21, Stan Greger and Dan Avery tangled; Greger broke a rack and never returned with Avery.

As the event went back to green, Radewick pulled away and never looked back. The \$1,200 victory was well-received by the fans. Second went to Tom Crevenho (T&M Landscape), third was Brian Schofield (Cliff's Auto Body), fourth was Chric Kopec (Mutual Ford), and fifth was Bruce Dell (International Auto Body).

Sixth through 10th were Brian Miller (sponsor wanted), Steve Park (Brady Cavalier), Bobby Gee (Oral B/CVS), Doug Meservey (Citco Gas), and Ed Spiers.

Radewick was really excited: "We ran well last week, had a tough break, and just came back to run up front. I want to thank my sponsors, Clementz Pizza and Autocrafters. It was a long overdue win (since the mid 80's)."

Chuck Docherty won his second feature, this time starting from the pole in the Late Model feature. Gee Perry also gave him a run the money, and Gary Fioromonti made it a four-car challenge with Marty Leary.

As usual, the Late Model event was smooth and very competitive. At the checker following Chuck Docherty was Gary Fioromonti (Flether Auto), followed by Gee Perry (F-B Landscape), Marty Leary, and Ted Chalmers (De Borg Automotive).

Rounding out the top 10 were Fred LaForge (Friction Wedge), Wayne Coury (Wayne's Auto), Brian Merchant (Paint Ball), and 10th was Keith Minchella.

Docherty again thanked his sponsors and car owner Roger Charette: "During the last show, the car died while I was going for the lead. We really didn't have a clue as to why it happened."

The Strictly Stock division had six cautions as 12 cars were out of the event with severe damage. Among the frontrunners wrecked were Rob Valerio and Roger Fujimoto (both of whom have won in 1994).

Still, the story of this event was best told as Chuck Alessio won the event over Herb Carlon. Third and fourth place, respectively, were taken by Scott Neleber and early leader Joe Arena (both of whom had great runs). Rounding out the top five was Al Leone.

The sixth through 10th places were earned by Scott Bruenig, Rick Durkee, Tom Dileo, Joe Kokosska, and Bruce Battles.

This Saturday, April 30th, it's a five-division event at Riverside Park Speedway featuring the first appearance of the Pro 4 Modifieds, plus the NASCAR Tour Type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks.

has dominated the season in four events. However, the names tell the story for feature winners who have a good shot at the title.

Chris Kopec, Stan Greger, Reggie Ruggiero, and Dan Avery have won the first four events. Another group to watch is the Modified rookies: Tom Jensen, Tom Crevenho, Doug Meservey, Jim Dolan, Brian Miller, Sean Swilpa, and Jake Marosz (most of the rookies have been in the top 10).

The Pro Stocks, a division that originated at Riverside, is also proving to be a great source of action, thanks to great finishes by the likes of Tom Fearn, Dave Caruso, Tom Carey, Ed Carroll, Eddy Carroll, Scout Bouley, Kevin Czarnecki, and Lou Prior (the opening-night feature winner).

The Late Model division is proving to be the smoothest one at Riverside Park Speedway. Gee Perry and Chuck Docherty are currently the frontrunners, and strong challenges are being made by Fred LaForge, Gary Fioromonti, Marty Leary,

Ted Chalmers, Roci Mazzio, and Mike Bushior.

The Strictly Stock division has the largest number of cars, and these cars are among the best in full-bodied action (this is the only division with repeat winners—Rob Valerio and Roger Fujimoto). Others just shy of victory include Herb Carlon, Todd Owen, Joe Arena, Roy Houle, Ken Marquis, Vinny Bonacore, Rosie Hall, Jay Miller, and Eddie Fischer.

There you have it ... five divisions for the "May Day Fantastic" this Saturday, April 30th: Modified Tour Type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, Pro 4 Modifieds, and the Strictly Stocks.

The pit area will open at 11:00 a.m., with action set to start at 6:00 p.m. (The south gate opens at 4:00 p.m.) It is estimated that the race will be over by 10:45 p.m.

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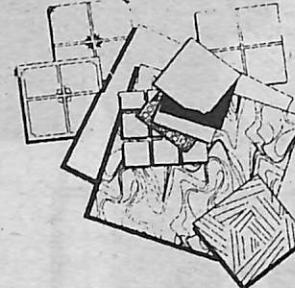
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Bay West Blazers Win Five Games To Take League Playoffs

The Bay West Blazers recently completed the grand slam of the GSJAHL (Greater Springfield Junior Amateur Hockey League) Squirt "A" division. By defeating W-T-M by a 4-2 score, the team won all five of its games to capture the league playoffs. Previously, the team had won the regular season championship.

W-T-M, which also entered the final playoff game sporting a 4-0-0 record, came ready to play. In fact, they outskated Bay West early in the game. W-T-M's penchant for penalties hurt them as four minutes into the first period, while on the powerplay, Doug Bush broke the puck out of his own zone from his defense position and from the right side of the ice was able to make a nice cross ice pass to Tony LeClair.

After working his way around the outside of the W-T-M defenseman, LeClair unleashed a low, hard wrist shot which caught the goalie off his near post. The Blazer fans erupted as the red light flashed. As the period progressed, Bay West's offensive play picked up, but there always seemed to be a stick, skate, or shinguard in the way of any Blazer shots.

In the second period, the two teams battled on even terms as far as the scoreboard was concerned. While the Blazers held a territorial advantage, W-T-M had the better of it as far as quality of shots went. Goalie Brian Coombs made numerous saves, including a couple of spectacular ones, to preserve the Bay West lead. The Blazers' penalty killing ability was really tested when two minor penalties were called with 2:39 remaining in the period.

The team was able to withstand the five on three disadvantage and keep W-T-M from scoring. With 21 second remaining in the second period, W-T-M stormed the Bay West net and after having an initial shot and a couple of rebound shots stopped, they finally broke the ice by stuffing in a loose puck.

With momentum on W-T-M's side, the home town team just got more determined as they have all season when challenged, and quickly re-established the lead when Dave Roberts made a solo rush, put a nice deke on the goalie, and scored on the backhander about one minute into the third period. Both teams really battled hard for the remainder of the game.

With 4:35 left in the game, a W-T-M forward powered a high wrist shot past a partially screened Brian Coombs to knot the score. With W-T-M fans still celebrating, the line of Marcus Suse, Glenn Stevens, and Dave Roberts did their magic act again, just as they in the Northeast Tourney Final, and made several nice combination passes to quickly move the puck into the W-T-M zone. The passing play was culminated by Susan's waist-high wrist shot into the net only 17 seconds after the W-T-M equalizer and re-established the one-goal lead.

The air going out of W-T-M's sails sounded like a trailer truck's hydraulic brakes being released. Forwards Brian Flaherty and Seth Cassidy played sound, two-way hockey in trying to break up any W-T-M attacks. With Brian Coombs playing outstanding in the net and the defense of Mike Garrity, Brian DeChristopher, Shaun Allard, Mike Tenczar, and Doug Bush trying to quickly clear any loose pucks away from the goal area and into the neutral zone, W-T-M more than had their hands full.

With three minutes left in the contest, LeClair notched his second goal of the game when he out-muscled two defenders in front of the net and slid the puck into the corner. Flaherty was credited with the assist as he threaded a perfect pass into the middle. Throughout the game, the defense did a fine job of playing the body but at the same time not taking any foolish roughing or hooking penalties. With no further scoring, the team mobbed Coombs and celebrated all of their efforts and the team's accomplishment at mid-ice when the final horn sounded.

This was their last game of the season against a GSJAHL opponent, and the Blazers wound up with a spectacular 31-2-0 record against these fine teams and (but for a couple of bad breaks) could have gone undefeated against them. Throughout the year, the team has continuously been "up to the challenge," as all of their opponents have pointed to the Blazers as the one team they would like to beat.

Knowing that has only made the team better as a whole and individually. The team sports an overall 46-8-1 record and was scheduled to play their final games of the season in the "Lights Out" tournament in Canton, Massachusetts.

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Bay West Blazers Earn Right To Compete In Boston Tournament

The Bay West Blazers recently won the Squirt Mini One-On-One competition for District 6. In so doing, the team earned the right to go to Boston later in the year to compete in the Mini One-On-One tournament which is taped and then televised between periods of the Boston Bruins games.

The Blazers will be matched against teams from the various New England states which have also qualified for the right to go to Boston. Even though the name says one-on-one, the format of the competition is actually two teams playing a 2½-minute mini hockey game with three skaters and a goalie per team.

If the score is tied after regulation, alternating penalty shots are taken until the tie is broken. In addition, all of the matches are elimination matches (which means one loss and you are eliminated). You can win your first game 5-0 and lose your second game 1-0 in a shootout; the result is you're gone.

In this tournament, all teams of the same age group (Squirts) compete against one another regardless of whether they are categorized as "A," "B," "C," or "D." The reason is the Bruins' competition separates the teams only by age group.

Not surprisingly, upsets frequently occur in this format where a lower level team beats a higher level team because the games are a quick 2½ minutes and there are only three skaters on the ice. Anything can happen and no team can take their opponent lightly. It's quite a mob scene to see 20 teams (along with their parents and fans) all dressed and waiting to play at the same time. Normally, it's only two teams at one time.

The 20 teams were divided into two divisions, North and South, with the Blazers assigned to the South. The boys had to anxiously wait as nine games were played in the North Division and the Springfield Caps emerged as that division's winner.

Finally, after a brief warm-up period, the South Division competition got under way. The Blazers' first game was against Ludlow No. 1, and the skaters were a bit edgy throughout the match. Goalie Brian Coombs was confident and focused and made some very good saves to keep Ludlow off the board and the team in the match. Many times, one goal is all that it takes to win, so it is important not to let the other team get the jump on you. So it was with this game, as Dave Roberts scored the only goal and Bay West advanced.

The team's second match was against W-T-M No. 3, a team which had upset the Pittsfield "A" team in the first round. The players' nerves settled

down and some superior skating and passing led to the 3-0 win. Tony LeClair, Glenn Stevens, and Marcus Suse all notched goals. This format can be dangerous in that if all three skaters get caught up in the offense, the other team can get a breakaway pretty easily. Brian DeChristopher stepped up well in this match from his defense position to help shut down W-T-M No. 3.

In the South Division final, the Blazers met W-T-M No. 2, a team which won its first two matches impressively. Again, the team skated well and Coombs was solid in goal. A nice passing combination set up the team's first tally by Glenn Stevens. The second goal was a bank shot off the goalie by Dave Roberts. The final was 2-0 as the team remained unbeaten and unscorched upon. W-T-M played well but could only shake their heads when leaving the ice. Brian DeChristopher played his defensive position well, and the forwards did a good job of backchecking whenever possible.

With the win, the Blazers worked their way into the Squirt final against the North Division winner, Springfield Caps No. 1. About one minute into the match, a real nice passing play between Suse, Roberts, and Stevens resulted in a goal-mouth tip in and a 1-0 lead. With Brian Coombs playing stoutly in goal and all others working hard, the team was able to maintain its slim margin. Late in the match, the Blazers were penalized for inadvertently having too many men on the ice during a lineshift.

With the shortened games came 30-second penalties, so the team had to play 2-on-3 for 30 seconds. In addition, the Caps pulled their goalie (so it was a 2-on-4 disadvantage) and left the Blazers' fans wanting to watch the action but closing their eyes at the same time, unable to watch the agony.

The team members kept their heads up, played smart, and persevered by clearing the puck several times to relieve the pressure. In the end, the final score was 1-0 as the team avoided penalty shots in all four matches and Coombs recorded four straight shutouts.

Bay West Blazer team members this year have been Shaun Allard, Doug Bush, Seth Cassidy, Brian Coombs, Brian DeChristopher, Brian Flaherty, Michael Garrity, Tony LeClair, David Roberts, Glenn Stevens, Marcus Suse, and Michael Tenczar. The head coach was Larry Stevens, and the assistant coaches were Steve Petrolati and Skip Tenczar.

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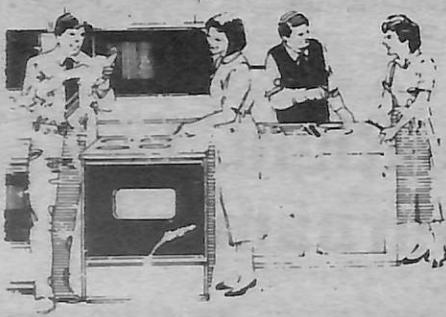
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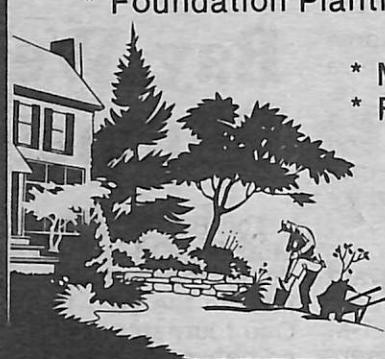
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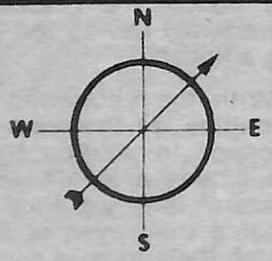
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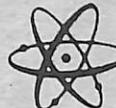
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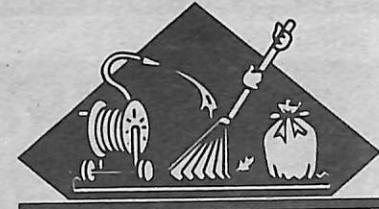
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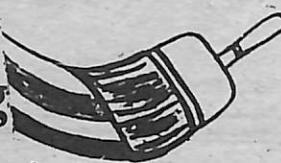
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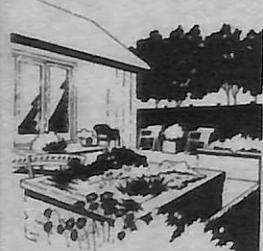
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